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of the Second Meeting of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church

In accordance with the instruction of the First General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church held in Cleveland, Ohio, June 27, A. D., 1934, and of its Executive Committee, the General Synod convened for its Second Regular Meeting on Wednesday evening, June 10, A. D., 1936, at 7:45 o'clock (Central Daylight Saving Time) in the St. John's Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., continuing in daily sessions until Wednesday, June 17, adjourning finally at 4:20 P. M.



ARTICLE I. RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Opening of the General Synod

Dr. L. W. Goebel, First Vice-President of the General Synod, was in charge of the opening liturgical service. The sermon was preached by the General Synod's President, Dr. George Warren Richards, from Phil. 2: 11 (latter part) "Jesus Christ is Lord." His subject was *The Lordship of Jesus*.

Following the sermon, the General Synod was called to order by President Richards, and constituted with prayer by Dr. Goebel. The President defined the Bar of the House to include the main floor of the church auditorium.

The Roll Clerk, Dr. Edward O. Keen, reported the registration of delegates as follows:

For the "E" Group—50 ministers, representing 19 districts; 40 laymen, representing 18 districts out of 21 districts of its group.

For the "R" Group—70 ministers, representing 40 classes; 41 elders, representing 29 classes out of 56 classes of its group.

The President accordingly announced the presence of a quorum for the

transaction of business.

Dr. William E. Lampe, Secretary of the Executive Committee presented the *Order of Business and Program* as found on pages 3 to 6 of the "White Book." After a brief consideration of the most opportune time for the discussion of the Constitution, the *Order of Business and Program* as presented was adopted by a rising vote of the General Synod.

The Rules of Order commonly recognized were on motion adopted for

the guidance of the General Synod.

Dr. F. H. Rupnow, pastor-loci, introduced Mr. Chris G. Hessert who, in a genial spirit, welcomed the General Synod in behalf of the St. John's congregation. President Richards made appreciative response recalling some characteristic historic actions taken when the Fifth Triennial Sessions of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S. were held in St. John's Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., May 19-26, 1875. It was at this General Synod that Committees on Church Union and Revision of the Constitution made report and the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was instructed to pay \$1000.00 to the Treasurer of the German Evangelical Missionary Society in the U. S. for the mission field in Bisrampore, India, where Rev. Oscar Lohr from New York Classis and Rev. Jacob Hauser from Sheboygan Classis were already at work.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Goebel and followed by the recessional hymn. The General Synod then adjourned to meet on Thurs-

day morning at 8:30 for the celebration of the Holy Communion in ac-

cordance with the adopted program.

Based on the *Order of Business and Program*, as adopted later, printed programs listing in fuller detail the order of the Religious Services, were helpfully prepared and distributed by the pastor-loci, Dr. Rupnow, for the use of the audiences assembled from Wednesday to Friday evening inclusive, and on Sunday at the mass meetings. A condensed record of these services is herewith included.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

7:45 P. M. Opening service in charge of the Rev. L. W. Goebel, D.D., Chicago, Ill. Prelude, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," Mrs. G. D. White, organist; Processional, Hymn No. 416; Invocation; Scripture Lesson: Philippians 2: 1-11; Choral Response, "Bless, O Lord, we pray Thee, this Thy Holy Word; help our hearts remember, what our ears have heard." Atlar Prayer with Triple Amen by the Choir; Anthem, "Inflammatus," Miss Helen Limbert, soprano, and choir of John's Church; Sermon, "The Lordship of Jesus" by Rev. Geo. W. Richards, D.D., LL.D., Lancaster, Pa., President of the General Synod; Lord's Prayer in unison; Anthem, "Beautiful Saviour," Miss Juniata Brown, contralto and Choir of St. John's Church. Hymn No. 425; Opening of the General Synod with Prayer; Address of Welcome in behalf of St. John's Reformed Church, Mr. Chris G. Hessert; Benediction; Recessional Hymn, No. 362. Chimes and Silent Prayer.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

7:45 P. M. Home Missionary Service in charge of the Revs. F. R. Daries, Indianapolis, Ind., and F. C. Seitz, D.D., Greensburg, Pa. Prelude, "Grande Offertoire"; "Gloria Patri"; Invocation; Hymn No. 475; Scripture Lesson; Prayer; Anthem, "Holy Art Thou," Choir of Salem Church; Offertory, "Rustle of Spring"; Address, "Home Missions' Fourfold Service," Rev. J. J. Braun, St. Louis, Mo.; Hymn No. 420; Address, "Basic Elements in Home Missions," Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Recessional Hymn No. 525; Chimes and Silent Prayer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

7:45 P. M. Foreign Missionary Service in charge of the Revs. Theo. R. Schmale, Ann Arbor, Mich., and Chas. E. Creitz, D.D., Reading, Pa. Prelude, "Fugue"; Long Meter Doxology; Invocation; Hymn No. 517; Scripture Lesson; Prayer; Anthem, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," Choir of the Grace Church; Offertory, "June". Address, "International Christianity Today," Rev. A. V. Casselman, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Hymn No. 524; Address, "Progress and Prospects in India and Honduras," Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.; Benediction; Recessional Hymn No. 534; Chimes and Silent Prayer.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

2:30 P. M. Men's Mass Meeting under direction of the Evangelical Brotherhood and Reformed Churchmen's League, in the St. John's Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, in charge of the Rev. Paul G. Graeser, pastor Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, Fort Wayne; Organ Prelude; Call to Worship; Solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," Mr. Fred. Bloemker; Hymn No. 56; Scripture Reading and Prayer, Rev. Matt. Worthman, Bluffton, Ind.; Anthem, "My Task," Men's Chorus of Cross Reformed Church, Berne, Ind.; Offertory; Five Minute Remarks, Mr. Fred Withaus, President of the Evangelical Brotherhood and Mr. E. S. Fretz, President of the Churchmen's League; Announcements, Rev. H. L. Streich and Rev. J. M. G. Darms, D.D.; Anthem, "Now Thank We All Our God"; Men's

Chorus; Address, Rev. Boyd Edwards, D.D., LL.D., Mercersburg, Pa.;

Benediction; Chimes and Silent Prayer.

2:30 P. M. The Women's Meeting in the Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church, Fort Wayne. Theme: "Christian Women in Action"; Prelude, "Grand Aria," at the organ Mrs. Gaston Baihle, piano, Mrs. Doyal White; Introduction of Presiding Officers, Miss Carrie M. Kerschner; Call to Worship, Mrs. R. Mernitz; Worship Service, Mrs. F. Wm. Leich; Prayer, Mrs. Elsa Reichenbach; Anthem, "The Drawing Power of Jesus"; Young Women's Chorus, Cross Reformed Church, Berne, Ind.; Address, "Moving Forward for a Christ-like World," Mrs. Fred E. Luchs, Milwaukee, Wis.; Prayer, Miss Carrie Kerschner; Offertory, "Serenade," violin, Miss Mary Jo. Allen, Organ, Mrs. Gaston Baihle, piano, Mrs. G. Doyal White; Anthem, "Make the World Better," Young Women's Chorus; Doxology; Benediction (in unison), "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." Amen.

2:30 P. M. Youth Conference in the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, Fort Wayne. Fifteen-minute Song Service; Selections by the Girls' Choir, Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, Decatur, Ind.; Miss Lulu Gerber, organist, Mrs. Louise Holthouse, director; Scripture Lesson, Miss Alice Arnos, Ft. Wayne; Solo, "Thanks Be to God," Mr. Paul Pease, Bluffton, Ind.; Season of Prayer; Selection, "The Stranger of Galilee," Edna Reusser, Daisy and Beulah Augsburger, Vera Cruz, Ind.; Duet, Selma Peters and Ruth Worthmann, Magley, Ind.; Hymn, "Living for Jesus"; Address, "The Divine Introitus," Rev. Karl J. Ernst, D.D., Plymouth, Wis.; Discussion Period; Consecration Service, conducted by Rev. F. H. Rupnow

D.D.

7:45 P. M. Public Service in the Interest of Christian Education in Charge of the Revs. Paul S. Leinbach, D.D., Philadelphia and J. H. Horstmann, D.D., St. Louis, Mo. Prelude, "Massin Chorale," Mrs. White, organist; Call to Worship; Invocation, Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Anthem "Te Deum," Men's Chorus of Cross Reformed Church, Berne, Ind.; Scripture Lesson, Rev. J. H. Horstmann, D.D.; Offertory, "Voluntary"; Hymn No. 423; Introduction of Speaker, Dr. Paul S. Leinbach; Address, Rev. Albert Beaven, D.D., LL.D., President Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N.Y.; Anthems, Young Ladies' Chorus of Cross Reformed Church, Berne, Ind.; Benediction, Dr. J. H. Horstmann; Recessional Hymn; Chimes and Silent Prayer.

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Visitors

Rev. Carl F. Baldwin, Albion, Ind., Congregational Church; Rev. J. Rauch Stein, Jr., Vermontville, Mich., Congregational Church; Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Kunkle, Albion, Ind., United Lutheran Church. Other visitors were present but not recorded. Those who addressed the General Synod or participated in its program are recorded in the course of the official proceedings.

The foregoing list of the local Committee on Registration is herewith entered, though probably incomplete, as a record of fact.

2. Defining the Bar of the House

See under Opening of the General Synod

3. Election of Officers

President—The Rev. George W. Richards, D.D., LLD., W. James Street, Lancaster, Pa.

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(Elected at the close of the meeting of the General Synod.)

On Thursday morning, following the reading and adoption of the Minutes of the first session, Dr. William E. Lampe presented the recommendation of the Executive Committee with reference to The Election of Officers, as found in the adopted Order of Business for Thursday, June 11 and the same was forthwith adopted. Dr. J. Rauch Stein, Stated Clerk, on Thursday morning, announced the appointment of Dr. Edward O. Keen, York, Pa., as Roll Clerk and Revs. H. E. Pheiffer, Sandusky, Ohio and Joseph P. Alden, Warren, Ohio, as Corresponding Secretaries. These appointments were forthwith confirmed by the General Synod.

ARTICLE III. ADOPTION OF PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE

The Report of the Executive Committee, as it was presented and adopted by the General Synod at its opening session on Wednesday evening, is as follows:

Order of Business and Program

All Meetings Central Daylight Saving Time

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1936

7:45 P. M. Opening Service

Service in charge of the First Vice-President, Rev. L. W. Goebel, D.D.

Sermon by the President, Rev. George W. Richards, D.D., LL.D., Theme: "The Lordship of Jesus"

Prayer, constituting the General Synod

Report of the Roll Clerk
Defining the Bar of the House
Presentation of Order of Business and Program
Address of Welcome for the congregation—Mr. Chris G. Hessert

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

8:30 A. M. Communion Service

Rev. F. H. Rupnow, D.D., Pastor Loci, Celebrant Assistants: Stated Clerks Rev. J. Rauch Stein, D.D., and F. A. Meusch, Rev. F. C. Klick, D.D., and Rev. B. E. Reemsnyder. Communion Meditation—Rev. S. D. Press, D.D.

9:30 A. M. Business Session

Organization—The Executive Committee recommends to the General Synod that the present officers serve until the close of this meeting of the General Synod and that election of the officers to serve afterward be held on Tuesday, June 16.

Appointment of Committees — Announcement by President Richards, submitting the Committees to the General Synod for its approval.

Presentation of reports in the "Blue Book" and "White Book," other documents and communications, and their reference to committees or for consideration as "Orders of the Day" during the sessions of the General Synod.

Report of the President on the State of the Church

Necrology and Memorial Service—Stated Clerk Stein and Dr. F. C. Klick

Reports of Stated Clerks-Matters referred to them, and Archives

Reports of Treasurers

Report of the Committee on Overtures and Resolutions and review of Minutes of Judicatories Report of the Executive Committee

12:00 M. Recess

- 2:00 P. M. Address of Welcome for the City-Judge Wm. H. Schannen
- 2:10 P.M. Report of the Executive Committee, continued Report of the Committee on Overtures, etc., continued
- 4:30 P. M. Report of the Judicial Commission
- 4:35 P.M. Report of the Committee on Constitution and Charter
- 5:00 P. M. Adjournment
- 7:45 P.M. Public Service in the interest of Home Missions, in charge of Rev. F. R. Daries, Acting Chairman of the Board for Home Missions, and Rev. F. C. Seitz, D.D., Vice-President of the Board of Home Missions.

 Addresses by Secretaries Rev. J. J. Braun and Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, D.D.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

- 10:15 A. M. Report of the Committees on Hymnal and on Book of Worship
- 10:30 A.M. Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Evangelism
- 11:40 A. M. Devotional Service, in charge of Rev. Purd E. Deitz
- 12:00 M. Recess
- 2:00 P.M. Report of the Executive Committee, continued
- 3:00 P.M. Ministerial Pensions and Relief
 Addresses by Treasurer Eugene L. McLean and Chairman
 Silas P. Bittner. Report of Committee on Ministerial Pensions
 and Relief.
- 4:00 P. M. Report of the Committee on Educational Institutions Eden Theological Seminary and Elmhurst College.
- 5:00 P. M. Adjournment
- 7:45 P. M. Public Service in the interest of Foreign Missions, in charge of Rev. Charles E. Creitz, D.D., and Rev. Theo. R. Schmale, Presidents of the Boards of Foreign Missions
 Addresses by Secretaries Rev. A. V. Casselman, D.D., and Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

- 9:00 A. M. Minutes Urgent Business
- 10:00 A.M. Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions
- 11:00 A. M. Report of the Committee on Orphans' Homes and Charitable Institutions
- 11:40 A. M. Devotional Service, in charge of Rev. Frederick W. Schroeder
- 12:00 M. Recess
- 2:00 P.M. Report of the Committee on Christian Education and Publication
- 4:00 P. M. Adjournment
- 4:10 P.M. Taking of photograph of the General Synod
- (5:30 P. M. Conference of Kingdom Service Committees—Dinner at Hotel Keenan)

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

10:00 A. M. Public Service, the churches of Fort Wayne and vicinity cooperating, in Northside High School Auditorium Sermon by Rev. L. W. Goebel, D.D. Theme: "The More Abundant Faith"

- 2:00 P. M. Men's meeting in St. John's Church. Speaker: Rev. Boyd Edwards, D.D., LL.D.

 Women's meeting in Grace Church. Speaker: Mrs. Fred E. Luchs.
- 7:30 P.M. Public Service in the interest of Christian Education in Plymouth Congregational Church. Speaker: Rev. Albert W. Beaven, D.D. Subject: Christian Education—"Option or Imperative?"

MONDAY, JUNE 15

9:00 A. M. Minutes
Urgent Business

Discussion of the Constitution

- 11:40 A. M. Devotional Service, in charge of Rev. Karl J. Ernst, Ph.D., D.D.
- 12:00 M. Recess
- 2:00 P.M. Discussion of the Constitution
- 4:30 P.M. Report of the Committee on Nominations
- 5:00 P.M. Recess
- 7:45 P. M. Business Session

Report of the Committee on Christianity and Social Action

- 8:30 P.M. Report of the Committee on Auxiliary Organizations—Evangelical Brotherhood and Reformed Churchmen's League
- 9:00 P.M. The Women's Union and the Women's Missionary Society of the General Synod
- 9:30 P. M. Adjournment

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

9:00 A. M. Minutes

Urgent Business

The Budgets of the Boards and agencies and for the General Synod—Apportionments and Quotas.

- 11:20 A.M. Elections
- 11:40 A. M. Devotional Service, in charge of Rev. Fred C. Schweinfurth
- 12:00 M. Recess
- 2:00 P. M. Report of the Committee on Endowment and Trust Funds
 Report of the Committee on Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance
 Association

Historical Societies and other agencies

The Federal Council of Churches

The Alliance of Reformed Churches

The American Bible Society

The Counselling Commission of the Y. M. C. A.

The National Lord's Day Alliance

The Anti-Saloon League and other temperance organizations

5:00 P. M. Recess

7:45 P. M. Business Session

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Morning, afternoon and evening-Business Sessions

11:40 A. M. Devotional Service, in charge of Rev. Aaron M. Gluck, D.D.

The business of the General Synod for Tuesday evening and all day Wednesday will have developed during the previous sessions. The time will probably have proven insufficient for some matters and, because of other Orders of the Day, it will have been necessary to postpone further consideration until a later session. The merging of the work of Boards and agencies, matters presented by the Executive Committee, the Constitution, and other items will doubtless require sessions on Tuesday evening and all day Wednesday.

ARTICLE IV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

President Richards, on Thursday morning, made announcement of the appointment of the Committees listed on page 15 of the "White Book." These appointments, with subsequent changes and substitutions, were approved by the General Synod and in their final form are as follows:

OVERTURES AND RESOLUTIONS, AND REVIEW OF MINUTES OF JUDICIARIES— Ministers: Paul S. Leinbach, D.D., Litt.D., Chas. Enders, S. D. Press, D.D., Reuben R. Elliker, William F. Ginder, R. F. Richter; Lay-members: Herman F. Vogel, Charles E. Heintzelman, Herman A. Hundt, Fred C. Stange.

HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM—Ministers: F. L. Rodenbeck, Frederick C. Seitz, D.D., F. G. Ludwig, C. Saenger, W. E. Huber, H. F. Weckmueller; Lay-members: E. G. Hudel, Philip Justus, Paul G. Schneider, H. M. Bohner.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—*Ministers:* Allen S. Meck, D.D., Timothy Lehmann, D.D., LL.D., Walter Scheer, Orris W. Haulman, D.D., E. M. DeBuhr, E. Seybold; *Lay-members:* H. G. Umberger, Fred J. Litterer, Mrs. Ida Pauley, Henry Albrecht.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION—Ministers: Robert C. Stanger, Melvin E. Beck, D.D., J. Hamilton Smith, D.D., Paul M. Schroeder, F. P. Puhlmann, Joseph M. Newgard; Lay-members: Theodore Viehe, F. A. Kratch, W. N. Decker, Hon. D. J. Snyder.

PENSIONS AND RELIEF—Ministers: Marsby J. Roth, D.D., Otto Kienker, Theo. F. Schumacher, Eugene P. Skyles, D.D., Alvin O. Engelmann, Rudolf Vieweg; Lay-members: Dr. G. A. Sayres, Philip G. Goebel, L. C. Brandt, John Abele.

ORPHANS' HOMES AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS—Ministers: J. Otto Reller, John F. Frantz, William Bollmann, H. G. Borne, J. H. Schick, Roy E. Leinbach; Lay-members: R. Voigt, George Bartling, A. J. Kauffman, Wm. Finklang.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS—Ministers: J. N. LeVan, D.D., J. P. Meyer, D.D., F. W. Schroeder, John H. Keller, D.D., E. Bruce Jacobs, Theo. Schmale; Lay-members: W. H. Kretchman, Julius H. T. Engelmann, John F. Peters, A. H. Krusemark.

CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS—Ministers: F. H. Klemme, Scott R. Wagner, D.D., Roland L. Rupp, Fred C. Schweinfurth, Theodore Merten, Blanchard A. Black, D.D.; Lay-members: E. J. H. Werle, Julius Irion, Dr. J. P. Warner, J. Franklin Meyer.

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS—*Ministers:* H. A. I. Benner, E. J. Westerbeck, J. C. Bierbaum, Carl T. Roeck, Russell D. Custer, Paul Langhorst; *Lay-members:* Henry Stuessy, William R. Weaver, Wm. J. Buelow, H. W. Goebel.

ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS—Ministers: H. H. Wintermeyer, Thos. H. Leinbach, Victor J. Tingler, E. J. Fleer, Wm. Krummel, J. O. Reagle, D.D.; Lay-members: F. C. Bauman, Arthur Hoefer, John W. Royer, Hon. William A. Fuzy.

MUTUAL FIRE AND STORM INSURANCE ASSOCIATION—Ministers: J. H. Overbeck, Wm. G. Weiss, Victor H. Jones, Theo. A. Thomas, M. Schoenhaar, John C. Horning; Lay-members: Albert C. Dittman, A. H. Steinbeck, Chris Nuss, Jr., Chas. Byron Frederick.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON SUNDAY—Ministers: Frank H. Rupnow, D.D., Paul H. Graeser; Lay-member: Fred J. Litterer.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE—Ministers: Elmer G. Leinbach, D. C. Jensen, L. M. Fetterolf, Robert Kofer; Lay-members: F. A. Churchill, Paul Gebert.

Nominations—Ministers: W. H. Schlinkmann, D.D., Edward O. Keen, D.D., R. Kuebler, C. P. Wehr, D.D., Otto A. Muecke, Rudolph W. Blemker, Robert Mohr, K. J. Ernst, Ph.D., D.D., H. L. Krause, F. H. Rupnow, D.D., Barnabas Dienes, Thos. R. Marshall, Theodore Merten, Paul Langhorst; Lay-members: Dr. E. H. Hohman, O. C. Grueninger, J. J. DeRoo, Walter F. Mecker, Dr. J. Albert Beam, William Barz, Samuel E. Basehore, Arthur J. Kleinjan, Leonard Fisher, Fred. C. Stange, S. D. Becker, E. J. H. Werle.

ELECTIONS—Ministers: M. M. Schmidt, I. O. Schell, Arthur P. Schnatz, George J. Low, A. E. Binder, K. J. Stuebbe, D.D.; Lay-members: J. C. Wetzel, A. J. Mollman, L. D. Weber, Harry Brindle, Esq.

RESOLUTIONS—Ministers: Pierce E. Swope, Edwin F. Mayer, Otto B. Moor; Lay-members: S. G. Becker, Henry J. Mack.

STATE OF THE CHURCH—Ministers: Paul M. Schroeder, Frederick Frankenfeld, Theo. C. Hesson, Joseph P. Alden; Lay-members: J. C. Fischer, C. H. Bloss.

CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE—Ministers: Ed. DeBuhr, W. J. Krieger, Wm. G. Weiss, O. B. Moor, Wm. Huber, Otto Kienker, G. W. Grauer, W. H. Schlinkman; Lay-members: J. W. Mueller, H. A. Schultheis.

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OVERTURE FROM EDEN PUBLISHING HOUSE—Ministers: Paul Press, J. O. Reagle, Joseph Alden, Wm. J. Riemann; Lay-members: John Price and C. D. Fisher.

SPECAL COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENT OF TRUST FUNDS—Lay-members: Chairman E. S. Fretz, Dr. C. P. Rice, Dr. Geo. W. Hartman, Frank C. Mock, Thos. J. Winebrenner, A. C. Dittman; *Ministers:* F. H. Klemme, Theo. Schumacher, E. Seybold, J. Abele.

EQUALIZATION OF MINISTERIAL SALARIES — Ministers: Paul Press, Otto Kienker, Ernest Brindle, Adan H. Bohner; Lay-members: O. C. Grueninger, Wm. Finklang.

CLOSER RELATIONS AND CHURCH UNION—Ministers: Paul S. Press, Paul M. Schroeder, G. N. Grauer, L. W. Goebel, Henry I. Stahr, Elmer G. Homrighausen, Wm. F. Kosman, T. W. Hoernemann; Lay-members: J. W. Mueller, Paul Jans, Judge D. J. Snyder, Judge Paul N. Schaeffer.

ARTICLE V. PRESENTATION OF "BLUE BOOK" AND "WHITE BOOK" AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

These reports and documents were officially presented on Thursday morning and referred to the proper committees or for consideration as "Orders of the Day" during the sessions of the General Synod.

ARTICLE VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

The following report was read to the General Synod on Thursday morning by President Richards. It was received and referred, by a rising vote of appreciation, to a Special Committee. The General Synod further voted, on Thursday afternoon, that this Report be mimeographed and copies distributed to the delegates at the earliest possible date. The report, as thus approved and mimeographed reads as follows:

1. The President's Report on the State of the Church

To the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church:

Two years ago the union of the Evangelical Synod of North America and of the Reformed Church in the United States was consummated under the name Evangelical and Reformed Church. The realization of the consequence of the consummation, however, will require a score and more of years. What was legalized in a moment by the adoption of a resolution must be vitalized in a generation—a process that is not without toil and tribulation. Differences in doctrine, government, modes of operation, traditions and customs, must be reconciled without the suppression of spontaneity and freedom of thought and action. To this end we shall have to cultivate the spirit of mutual respect and toleration and shall have to be controlled, not by our personal opinions and preferences, but by the will of God as revealed in Christ. "There are diversities of ministrations and the same Lord. And there are diversities of workings, but the same God." Cor. 12: 5, 6.

I. Evidences of Consolidation and Cooperation

The General Synod of Cleveland instructed boards and commissions to enter into negotiations for consolidation as rapidly as the laws of the state, their charters and constitutions, and their property rights, will permit.

- 1. These instructions have been carried out by each of the boards representing the cause of home missions, foreign missions, Christian education, publication, ministerial pension and relief, the Commission on Social Service, the Executive Committee, and other agencies of the Church. The members of the several Boards have met in joint session and have become acquainted with one another and with their different ways of working. At the regular meetings of each Board representatives of the corresponding Board were in attendance and took part in the discussion. Thus they have demonstrated that they are one in spirit and purpose and are proceeding with care to find a way by which the respective boards can be legally united.
- 2. The Boards of Foreign Missions and of Christian Education are considering proposals to submit to this Synod providing for the election of one Board in place of the existing two Boards. We heartily welcome the

announcement that the Boards of Christian Education are planning a

program for a National Conference in 1937.

3. Secretaries F. A. Goetsch and A. V. Casselman visited the missions in Japan and China. Secretary Goetsch spent some time in the mission in India and went to Africa in the hope that a mission may be established in that land. The personal contact of our secretaries with the foreign field has done more for the promotion of the spirit of union and cooperation among the missionaries than any action of the General Synod, pamphlet, or book could have accomplished. The reports of their observations of conditions on the fields will have far-reaching effect on the foreign mission policy for years to come.

4. A number of congregations of the "E" and "R" groups have been united under the supervision of the Home Mission Boards, a process which will doubtless continue through the years. In this way the union which began in the General Synod is brought down into the congregations. The Board of the "R" group is about to enter upon a vigorous campaign for the reduction of its debt which has accumulated through the sudden and unforeseeable economic crisis. The only obstacle in the way of union of the Boards of Home Missions is financial; when this is removed they

will speedily unite.

5. A detailed report of the work of the Executive Committee will be submitted. All of its actions have bearing on the consequences of the union. I shall refer only to two: the appointment of a committee on a book of worship and on a hymnal. The General Synod referred these matters to the Executive Committee "with power." Two committees, each composed of three, were appointed: the one to study the mind of the Church in reference to a new Book of Worship and the other in reference to a new Hymnal. If the sentiment of the Church was found to be favorable, the sub-committees were requested to submit names of suitable persons for appointment on these Committees. The Executive Committee, in response to the report of the special committees, appointed eight members on the Committee on Hymnal and thirteen members on the Committee on Book of Worship. Each Committee has had one meeting, organized, and discussed ways of operation for the work assigned it.

6. The Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod and the Evangelical Women's Union appointed a commission on union. A plan for such union is about completed. The name of the new organization is to be the Women's Guild. The Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League have made rapid progress toward union. The united men's organization is to be known as the Churchmen's Brotherhood. A national convention for men is to be held in Buffalo, New York, August 18-20, 1936. Every Classis and District and, so far as possible, every con-

gregation, ought to be represented in this assembly.

7. The publication of joint literature is especially significant. The English papers are now united in *The Messenger*. The Year-books of 1935 and 1936 have been issued jointly. There is no longer a separate list of ministers of the Evangelical Synod or of the Reformed Church. "A New Venture of Faith" and several pamphlets prepared by the Boards of Home Missions and of Foreign Missions have been widely circulated. Other publications are in preparation for use during the coming year.

8. It is gratifying to note that, in the selection of men for vacant pulpits, congregations are no longer discriminating between ministers of one or the other group in the union. A number of congregations have elected pastors without regard to their previous affiliations or to the seminaries

from which they have graduated.

9. Joint meetings of ministers are held each week or month in towns and cities. Joint Reformation services have been held in the larger cities with an attendance of from one thousand to four thousand people. These meetings were addressed by men of one or the other group.

10. The President of the General Synod, May, 1935, visited districts from Texas to Nebraska and Kentucky. Wherever he went he found the spirit of union in ministers and members, and felt that he was among his own people. About the same time the Vice-President of the General Synod visited Synods and institutions in the East, spoke in mass meetings in the cities, delivered the address before the graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, and was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. One who has been in congregations and homes of the members of the two groups is convinced that the union is welling up from the hearts of the people and is not imposed by a judicatory or commission upon two indifferent churches.

11. The Committee on Correlation and Promotion met several times. A notable conference on Kingdom Service was held at Pittsburgh in September, 1935. Representatives of nearly all the Districts and Classes were present. It was the first gathering where the entire work of the united Church was considered. The delegates to this Confrence through their reports to the Districts and Classes have aroused unusual interest in the general work of the Church. Another conference is to be held in Pittsburgh in September, 1936.

II. Statistical Data

According to the Yearbook there are 2,607 men in the ministry, graduates of 28 different seminaries serving congregations in 39 of the 48 states of the Union. The number of congregations is nearly three thousand.

There are thirty educational institutions, including academies, colleges for men and women, and theological seminaries, in the United States, Japan, China, India, and Honduras. Our home mission work consists of 206 fields with 235 ministers and workers. Most of our work is conducted in English, but we are working also among Germans, Hungarians, Japanese, Czechs, and Indians. Our foreign missions are in Japan, China, India, Mesopotamia, and Honduras, with 112 missionaries and 225 native workers. We have well-organized and well-supported benevolent and charitable institutions: 9 hospitals, 10 orphans' homes, 11 homes for the aged, 2 homes for epileptics and feeble-minded. The communicant membership is about 650,000; counting the baptized the total membership is about one million. Geographically speaking, we are now a national Church, ranking in number of ministers and members among the first seven Protestant churches in America.

We realize that numerical and geographical size has little significance and may become a snare and a delusion unless there is corresponding growth in spirit and truth, in devotion to the purpose of God revealed in Christ.

III. The Church Facing the World

We are facing a world as far removed from the will of God as it was in the days of the Caesars, the Pharaohs, the monarchs of Assyria and Babylonia. It is a callous, indifferent, Godless and God-defying world. Its secularism is not the secularism of superstition and ignorance but of science and sophistication. Life is mechanized and men are bent on making and getting things. The other world has receded far into the distance. There is little sense of need of it. Paganism is not confined to one nation or one hemisphere; it pervades every nation and every hemisphere. We are still, as were the early Christians, in a present evil world.

IV. Our Message and Task

Our message and task are defined by our name, Evangelical and Reformed. True, there is wide-spread objection to it; in time the conjunction "and" may be dropped. I trust, however, if the name is changed, the content which the terms convey will not be lost. They define both our heritage and our responsibility. We are the heirs of traditions of the four

centuries beginning with the Reformation in Germany and Switzerland. We cannot divest ourselves of our heritage. The distinctive mission of our Church in the world and among other churches is in a measure at least determined by the work of those who have gone before us. To betray one's heritage is to play false to one's forebears and to one's followers, to oneself and to one's God. To be true to it one must prevent it from becoming static in the form of dogma, institution, cultus, and ethics. It must be more than letter and law; it must continue to be spirit and life, pulsating in the heart, flowing in the blood, molding thought, guiding action, and become a vital force in the world in which we live as well as the source of steadfast hope in the world to come.

Nothing human is foreign to the Christian Church, but the Christian Church can do its part for every phase of human life only through obedience of faith in Jesus Christ. To separate obedience and faith is to emasculate both; to separate obedience and faith from the Lord Jesus Christ is to sap the power of faith and forsake the work of the Lord. Our Church, through each of its members, must perpetually re-form itself in the light of its evangel, and it can preserve its evangel only through perpetual reformation. This is a vital process wrought in the heart by God through His Word and Spirit. Unless such re-formation and such evangelizing are constant and universal, the Church has no right to the name Evangelical and Reformed.

It must also protest against sin in all its forms among every class and condition; against the pride of knowledge no less than against the credulity of ignorance; against pharisaic self-righteousness no less than against vulgar sensuality; against social injustice no less than against violent revolution; against humanistic utilitarian morality no less than against blind reliance on magical operation of divine grace or on arbitrary omnipotent fiat. The ministers of Christ must shepherd the flock, with the vision of the prophets and the patience of the saints must work the will of God in the hearts and minds of boys and girls, men and women, who are in the morning, noon, or evening of life. The message and task of the Church are always the same from the beginning to the end of time; but the method and the means of proclaiming the message and performing the task differ from age to age.

V. Cooperation with Other Churches

In common with all the churches we face the same world. We feel the need of one another and desire to cooperate with all those who bear the name of Christ and are working and waiting for His Kingdom. To paraphrase Romans 1: 12: "That we with them may be comforted in them; each of us by the other's faith, both theirs and ours." Both branches of the united Church are heirs to the motto formulated by Meldenius, which is true to the evangelical spirit of the Reformers: "In essentials unity, in doubtful things liberty, in all things love."

VI. The Absolute and the Relative

The function of the Church is to proclaim with all boldness the Absolute whom the prophets anticipated, who was in Jesus, whom Jesus preached and taught, and the apostles interpreted. But we must be mindful that while we are members of the Body of Christ and our citizenship is in heaven, we are now dwelling upon earth and must prepare programs of action and ways of living that are only relatively true to the Absolute which he proclaimed. We must guard against making programs to suit the wishes of men instead of fitting them to the will of God, and against projecting visions and ideals that have no reference to human conditions in this world and require only patient waiting for another world. Progress is equally impossible when one in loyalty to the Absolute renounces the relative, or when one in despair forsakes the Absolute and is satisfied

with the relative. The former procedure drives men out of the world into ascetic or quietistic solitude; the latter draws men down to the level of the world and leaves them without power to rise above and overcome it.

The primary purpose of Jesus Christ is not to make men comfortable, but true and good; not to make religion attractive, but inescapable; not to save men from sin, but to make them righteous and holy by bringing them into such relation to God that they become partakers of His righteousness and holiness. We, therefore, who believe in the Absolute, must pray as if God alone could accomplish anything worthwhile; and as advocates of the relative, which is a partial embodiment of the Absolute, we must work as if man alone could accomplish anything worthwhile. God works in the world, not apart from men but through men and in men; and so men become coworkers with God. Men can influence the processes of history only when they have the spirit of the Lord which lifts them above history; men become creative persons only when they share the eternal purpose of the Creator. "Without Me you can do nothing." Without us He will do nothing. The Christian life is something that must be given each day and achieved each day. Only as it is given can it be achieved, and only as it is, in a measure, achieved, can it be received. Was man ererbt muss man erwerben um es zu besitzen.

In the face of an apparently insuperable world, we are mindful of the decisive "wherefore" concluding the proclamation of the Risen Christ in the 15th chapter of First Corinthians: "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord."

VII. The Preaching Mission

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ has completed arrangements for a nation-wide Preaching Mission. It is to begin in mid September and continue into December. The preachers of the Mission will visit twenty-five cities in different parts of the nation. In order that the benefits of this movement may be brought to every local parish in cities, towns, and villages, it is proposed that a simultaneous Eight-Day Preaching Mission from Sunday to Sunday be conducted in all the denominations throughout the country.

In response to this proposal we recommend that the secretaries of the General Synod, as soon as possible after adjournment, send an overture to every district and classis requesting that the congregations hold an Eight-Day Preaching Mission in the month of November.

VIII. Necrology

During the last biennium 176 ministers (66 from the "R" group and 110 from the "E" group, the youngest 37 and the oldest 94) have gone to their reward. One feels the eternal note of sadness as one sees a generation of faithful srvants of Christ and fellow-workmen, whom one has not only esteemed but loved, end their labors upon earth.

"If I still hold closely to Him, What hath He at last? 'Sorrow vanquished, labor ended, Jordan passed.'

"If I ask Him to receive me,
Will He say me nay?
'Not till earth and not till heaven
Pass away.'

"Finding, following, keeping, struggling, Is He sure to bless?
"Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs, Answer, Yes." Immediately after the reading of this report let us hear the report on necrology by the Stated Clerks, and led by them, pay a tribute of respect and affection in a service of prayer and praise.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever." Amen.

George W. Richards, President.

Report of the Special Committee to Which the President's Report Was Referred

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

I. The General Synod commits itself with whole-hearted conviction to the keen analysis by the President of the Church, Dr. George W. Richards, of the state of the church in the pagan world today. The General Synod accepts the challenge of the president in the face of the present world situation "to pray as if God alone could accomplish anything worth while and to work as if man alone could accomplish anything worth while."

II. The General Synod requests the editors of the Messenger, the Friedensbote and the Kirchenzeitung to publish the complete or abridged report as soon as possible in order that the entire Church may have the

opportunity to study and discuss the message of our president.

III. The General Synod heartily endorses the National Preaching Mission proposed and directed by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. In order that the benefits of this movement might be brought to every congregation, the General Synod also endorses the additional proposal that a simultaneous Eight-Day Preaching Mission from Sunday to Sunday be conducted in all denominations throughout the country. The General Synod therefore instructs the Stated Clerks of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to send overtures to every District and Classis requesting that the congregations hold an Eight-Day Preaching Mission in the month of November.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Schroeder, Chairman J. P. Alden F. Frankenfeld Th. C. Hesson J. C. Fischer C. H. Bloss F. M. Staver

The foregoing report was made to the General Synod on Wednesday morning, and forthwith adopted.

2. Ministerial Necrology

The names of the ministers who had "departed hence in the Lord" since the First Session of the General Synod; the Evangelical and Reformed Church in June, 1934, were reverently read by Drs. F. C. Klick and J. Rauch Stein, following the report of the President on the State of the Church. At the close of the reading the General Synod rose and was led in fervent prayer by each of these brethren, after which it united in singing the hymn "For all the saints who from their labors rest."

These records are herewith entered as follows;

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY (Evangelical)

To May 1, 1936

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Prepared by the Office of Presid	ent Klick			
	Date of		Age	
Name Residence Ordained		у.	m.	d.
Hils, A., Tonawanda, N. Y	2- 3-32	61	10	13
Saffran, Paul G., Quincy, Ill	2- 3-32	54	11	23
Decker, Charles H., Eudora, Kansas1912	2-14-32	43	6	28
Keinath, P. C., Vinton, Iowa	2-19-32	62	6	28
Arlt, Hans L., Kewanee, Illinois 1893	2-22-32	64	5	11
Eilers, E. H., Peotone, Ill	3-17-32	47	_	22
Suedmeyer, Louis, Buffalo, N. Y1900	3-26-32	56	5	22
Baur, F. W., Clayton, Mo 1883	4- 2-32	73	10	9
Bizer, John, Medford, Wis	4-12-32	64	11	27
Schory, Theo., Indianapolis, Ind 1883	4-16-32	73	1	12
Krull, Herman, F. W., Grand Pass, Mo 1894	4-18-32	63	2	11
Albrecht, Otto, Shepherd, Mont1891	5-14-32	69	2	
Grotefend, H. F. W., Okeene, Okla 1899	6- 5-32	65	7	3 20
Kreis, Wm., Dolton, Ill1900	6-27-32	57	11	23
Stanger, Gottlieb H., Bensenville, Ill 1876	7-15-32	78		
Mueller, Hermann, Slinger, Wis 1893	7-24-32	66	8	13
Kleemann, Louis H., Indianapolis, Ind 1884	8-14-32		5	3
Oberhellmann, Theo., Clayton, Mo1891	8-31-32	70 65	7	6
Didlaukies, D. F., Walla Walla, Wash 1905	11-24-32			23
Gekkeler, Geo., Petaluma, Calif1891		50	11	8
Krause, J., Augusta, Mo	11-26-32	71	3	29
Bechtold, F., Foristell, Mo. 1901	12-19-32	62	9	25
Dorjahn, Joachim H., Blue Island, Ill 1881	1-16-33	62	4	23
Irion, Jacob, St. Louis, Mo	1-22-33	74	9	9
Baumann, C. F., Aurora, Ill 1887	1-29-33	85	6	28
Foesch, J. G., Browntown, Wis 1909	2-10-33	67	10	17
Schroeder, H., Bay, Mo	3-11-33	63	3	27
Holdgraf, J. H., Toledo, Ohio	3-13-33	71	10	17
Dexheimer, Karl, Chicago, Ill	4- 6-33	72	2	27
Stroetker, J. H., Leslie, Mo	4- 8-33	57	7	15
Daries, F., Mt. Vernon, Ind	5-13-33	77	8	1
Bizer, Jacob, Benton Harbor, Mich 1886	5-17-33	73	1	14
Klingeberger, Ferd., Naperville, Ill1885	5-21-33	62	3	24
Mangold, J. G., Pomona, Calif1889	6- 7-33	78	3	19
Kurz, Carl, Corpus Christi, Texas1879	6-11-33	73	4	16
Albrecht, A., Berger, Mo	7-18-33	74	8	-
Frohne, John C., Kewaskum, Wis1895	7-19-33	67	8	21
Reichle, C. D., Bensenville, Ill	7-24-33	63	7	25
Schulz, Max F., Elberfeld, Ind	9- 7-33	62	-	26
Peters, J. C., Indianapolis, Ind1878	9- 9-33	71	11	4
Kuenzler, Ernst G., New Orleans, La1901	9-15-33	79	7	25
Frankenfeld, F., Detroit, Mich1870	9-30-33	56	2	13
Fismer, John S., Marthasville, Mo1885	10-11-33	88	_	26
Mayor Armin N. Chicago III	10-17-33	71		9
Mayer, Armin N., Chicago, Ill	11- 6-33	39	1	15
Herrmann, Emmerich, LeSueur, Minn 1891	11-19-33	64	_	15
Koch, Gustav, Chicago, Ill	12-13-33	86	9	3
Riemann, R. E. W., Gulfport, Miss 1889	12-15-33	68	8	7
Leonhardt Wm H Claveland Wis 1994	12-15-33	70	2	1
Leonhardt, Wm. H., Cleveland, Wis1894	12-29-33	66	1	26
Mueller, John G., Dayton, Ohio1884	12-29-33	72	2	11
Uhdau, Theo. Otto, St. Louis, Mo1872	12-31-33	83	10	14
Dresel, Wm. N., Evansville, Ind1897 Schieler C. D.D. Foristell, Mo.	1-11-34	59	4	12
Schieler, C., D.D., Foristell, Mo1912	1-13-34	82	5	30

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Name Residence Ordained	Death	у.	m.	d.
Klimpke, Ed. E., Aurora, Ill1876	1-14-34	79	11	26
Grabau, C. F., Cottleville, Mo1876	1-16-34	78	2	16
Pister, Jacob, Chicago, Ill1890	1-25-34	64	2	5
Roese, F. A., Lenox, Mich	1-30-34	73	5	1
Schick, G. B., St. Louis, Mo	2- 6-34	87	8	19
Kroencke, Emil W., Laddonia, Mo 1887	2-10-34	69	10	23
Fischer, G., D.D., Milwaukee, Wis1888	2-22-34	71	-	22
Moritz, Paul G., Cleveland, Ohio1903	3-11-34	50	4	15
Voss, H. E., Drexel Hill, Pa1895	3-15-34	63	10	9
Locher, C. W., D.D., St. Louis, Mo 1887	4- 2-34	67	10	1
Buehler, Wm. C., Higginsville, Mo1885	4-15-34	72	11	23
Jud, D., Riesel, Texas	4-25-34 5- 1-34	54	8 7	17
Bruning, David, D.D., Baltimore, Md1892	5- 2-34	80 64	3	23
Recht, George, Rockfield, Wis1913	5-22-34	64	9	28
Schultheiss, J. Fr., Brown, Man., Canada. 1898	5-24-34	67	7	3
Menzel, Paul A., D.D., Washington, D. C. 1886	7- 4-34	69	5	8
Kottich, W., Falls City, Nebr1885	7- 5-34	77	1	7
Juchhoff, H., Cumberland, Va1883	7-25-34	80	10	19
Pinckert, E. F., Wheaton, Ill1887	7-26-34	70	4	9
Freund, F. H., Portland, Ore1884	7-30-34	74	3	29
Bleibtreu, Ed. L., St. Louis, Mo1886	8-31-34	72	10	30
Boehm, Fr., Grand Rapids, Mich1877	9-13-34	80	5	26
Mayer, F., Ph.D., D.D., Manchester, Mich. 1888	10- 6-34	71	_	29
Egli, Adolph, Millersburg, Ohio1889	10-17-34	69	9	21
Grotefeld, Wm., Downers Grove, Ill 1890	11- 2-34	70	5	19
Doellefeld, Jacob, Port Hope, Mich 1910	12-30-34	49	6	27
Lehmann, Max, Henderson, Minn 1899	1-26-35	65	9	20
Hilligardt, Ph., Tripoli, Iowa1887	2-13-35 $4-11-35$	72	10	24
Schaible, John A., Wanatah, Ind1903 Heithaus, B. H., Mascoutah, Ill1891	5- 1-35	61 67	7 5	9 18
Schuetze, G. Fr., S.T.D., Princeton, Ill1898	5-22-35	65	6	12
Haas, F. E. C., Oklahoma City, Okla1894	5-30-35	66	2	3
Malkemus, L. F., Highland, Ill1926	6-20-35	70	5	17
Hohmann, Geo., Irvington, Ill1926	6-23-35	67	8	20
Frank, J., Coshocton, Ohio1884	7- 8-35	81	8	_
Schaeffer, J. G. Carl, Hammond, Ind 1892	7-15-35	68	11	3
Kniker, C. H., Seguin, Texas1884	7-21-35	76	7	10
Stamer, Hugo, Chicago, Ill1873	7-31-35	88	7	18
Langhorst, A., St. Louis, Mo1872	8-10-35	92	_	12
Hackmann, Wm., D.D., Fond du Lac, Wis. 1884	8-15-35	72	4	9
Asmuss, Wm., Hermann, Mo1894	8-22-35	72	10	28
Walter, Fr., Santa Monica, Cal	8-26-35	94	2	1
Sabrowsky, C. F., Independence, Mo1887	8-29-35 9- 7-35	73	10	2
Kettelhut, Theo., Holland, Ind	9-15-35	67 76	1 5	24
Blasberg, Wm. L., Manhattan, Ill1892	9-23-35	73	9	15 20
Irion, Daniel, D.D., Elmhurst, Ill1877	10-25-35	80	10	4
Uhrland, Walter E., Pontiac, Mich1901	10-28-35	59	1	1
Niewoehner, H. J. G., Denison, Iowa1878	11- 6-35	85	4	3
Sauer, J., Kansas City, Mo1888	12- 1-35	75	1	10
Walz, Herman, Luxemburg, Mo1886	12-22-35	77	9	5
Roth, A. C., Grant Park, Ill1914	1- 9-36	64	11	_
Wetzeler, W. R., Appleton, Wis1921	1-19-36	65	5	12
Pessel, Otto F., Belleville, Ill1893	1-30-36	70	4	2
Pfeiffer, Louis, Cumberland, Va1878	2-22-36	84	9	20
Schmidt, G. A., Denver, Colo1887	4-11-36	69	7	7

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Name Residence censed	dained	Death	у.	m.	
Adam, John S., Middletown, Md1909		4-29-36	54	6	3
		12-29-34	85	3	28
Bahner, F. F., D.D., Wesleyville, Pa1873		3-18-35	68	3	8
Bean, Joseph M., Sykesville, Pa1902		10-24-34	59	9	9
Boros, Eugene, Chicago, Ill			37	6	8
Brenner, Samuel R., Bethlehem, Pa1926	1899	6-10-35 $9-17-34$	77	0	٥
Burkett, Andrew J., Toledo, Ohio1897	1000				_
Chatles, John, Rockledge, Florida1906	1906	6- 5-35	58		2
Chenot, George E. Tiffin, Ohio1897	1897	3-30-35	69	11	10
Clever, Conrad, D.D., Shippensburg, Pa. 1873		2-19-35	87	- 7	8
Conrad, John L., Fort Wayne, Ind1921	1921	3- 8-36	42	7	6
Csontas, Bela, Lorain, Ohio1925	1925	6-29-35	37	_	
DeLong, John F., D.D., Bethlehem, Pa 1874		2-14-36	89	3	6
Diefenderfer, Wm. M., D.D., Sharon, Pa. 1906	1906	1-20-35	53	2	9
Ditzler, Irwin S., West Milton, Pa1906	1906	9-10-34	55	_	24
Dumstrey, Max F., Ambler, Pa1879	1879	12-15-34	80	6	10
Ebinger, Paul, Tillamook, Oregon —	1000	3- 7-36	72	-	-
Frantz, Hiram A., Allentown, Pa1889	1889	2- 9-36	72	10	_
Freeman, Joseph E., Lehighton, Pa 1876	1876	3- 7-36	89	1	4
Gilds, John W., Riegelsville, Pa1900	1900	12-20-34	63	2	17
Grether, Wm., Loveland, Colorado1885	1885	8-15-35	72	9	20
Gross, Luther P., Tiffin, Ohio1885	1885	11-16-34	90	11	22
Hanko, Julius, Milwaukee, Wis —		4-25-36		-	-
Harner, J. Phillip, University, Va1893	1893	2-27-36	76		
Harner, Wayne T., Allentown, Pa	1921	11-29-35	46	1	10
Harr, William E., Lock Haven, Pa1901	1901	7- 3-34	59	8	1
Hartman, J. Stewart, Cavetown, Md 1888	1888	10-12-34	69	9	5
Herbruck, Edward, D.D., Dayton, O 1869	1869	12- 8-34	85	5	27
Hocker, Andrew, Galion, Ohio1887	1887	2-14-35	72	9	15
Ihle, Jacob, Bellevue, Ohio1878	1878	5-29-35	77	9	24
Kern, Robert M., Allentown, Pa1900	1900	10- 9-35	62	8	17
Klinger, Albert, Saegertown, Pa1891	1891	6-20-34	71	2	13
Klundt, John, Gering, Neb	1920	11-30-35	50		
Krivulka, Charles, Johnstown, Pa1917	1930	10-17-35	40	5	3
Leich, F. William, D.D., Webster Groves	100=				
Missouri	1897	8- 7-35	64	2	2
Mader, William H., Pasadena, Calif 1895	1895	12-31-34	76	5	6
Maeder, J. Dudley, Salisbury, N. C —		11- 4-34	74	4	17
Main, R. Franklin, Brunswick, Md1897	1899	2- 8-35	66	9	21
Mayer, Frederick, D.D., Youngstown, O 1884	1884	6-20-35	78	8	14
Miller, Henry K., D.D., Tokyo, Japan 1892	1892	2-28-36	69	3	19
Moore, Jairus, P., D.D., Lansdale, Pa 1877	1878	2- 7-35	87	2	10
Mull, George F., Litt.D., Lancaster, Pa 1876		12-22-35	84	2	15
Noss, Christopher, D.D., Aizu, Japan 1894		12-31-34	65	3	8
O'Boyle, Robert, Philadelphia, Pa1887	1887	9- 1-34	74	1	4
Rettig, Valentine, Juneau, Wis1891		10-23-35	70	5	12
Ricker, George S., L.H.D., D.D1871		10- 8-35	88	_	
Rittershaus, F. A., Artas, S. D1892	1892	8-30-35	70	5	1
Santee, Charles A., D.D., Ft. Washing-	1000	40 40 07	-		
ton, Pennsylvania		12-12-35	79	3	5
Schultz, Reuben F., Dayton, Ohio1887		10-12-35	79	11	12
Sill, H., Waukon, Iowa	1890	2-, 5-36	77	-	19
Spangler, Henry T., D.D., LL.D., College-	40==		0.0		
ville, Pennsylvania1875	1875	9- 5-34	80	9	21

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Name	Residence cense	ed	dained	Death	у.	m.	d.
	D.D., Massillon, Ohio 187		1878	3-16-36	82	5	16
Stoyer, William	D., Philadelphia, Pa 189	8	1898	3- 4-35	65	3	3
Tegze, Ladislaus	, Passaic, N. J	_		12- 5-34	78	6	16
Traeger, Ernst,	Plymouth, Wis189	98	1898	1-31-36	61	-	_
Treick, Henry, S	Scotland, S. D188	35	1885	8-18-35	73	_	1
Troutman, Paul	L., Lansford, Pa193	30	1930	1-29-35	28	2	27
Truxal, Albert 1	E., D.D.,187	72	1872	7-21-34	89	8	21
	Buffalo N. Y		_	7- 3-34	51	3	27
Vitz, Martin, D.I.	o., Sc.D., Cincinnati, O188	32	1882	12-17-34	77	4	2
Volprecht, Jul., I	awndale, Philadelphia, .189	1	1891	10-11-34	75	-	_
Weaver, Chas. E	Perkasie, Pa188	39	1889	5-22-36	73	-	_
Weaver, Park H	., Tiffin, Ohio189	7	1897	4-14-35	64	1	16
	D.D., Baltimore, Md188		1883	10- 1-35	83	10	13
	Johnstown, Pa188		1880	3- 6-36	83	3	22
Winter, John F.	Galion, Ohio188	32	1882	6 - 19 - 35	75	-	22
Wolf, David J.,	Homestead, Pa189	96	1896	12-31-34	68		_
Wright, A. Theo.	S.T.D., Red Lion, Pa189	8	1898	7-27-35	72	_	_
Zerbe, Alvin S.,	D.D., Dayton, Ohio18'	73	1873	3-21-35	87	4	24

When sinks the soul, subdued by toil, to slumber, Its closing eye looks up to Thee in prayer; Sweet the repose beneath Thy wings o'ershading, But sweeter still, to wake and find Thee there.

So shall it be at last, in that bright morning, When the soul waketh, and life's shadows flee; O in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning, Shall rise the glorious thought, I am with Thee.

Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1855.

3. Report of the Stated Clerk

The following brief report on routine clerical work, matters directly referred and the church archives was read by Dr. J. Rauch Stein, approved and ordered filed.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The Stated Clerk is happy to report that he has been blessed with health to attend to the varied duties of his office as they were listed in the 1932 Minutes of the General Synod of the "R" Group. He has also endeavored to discharge faithfully the obligations lead upon him by the General Synod meetings in June 1934.

laid upon him by the General Synod meetings in June, 1934.

In cooperation with the brethren of the "E" Group, the Acts and Proceedings of the Cleveland, Ohio, meetings were prepared for printing, published by the Eden Publishing House and promptly distributed to the pastors and congregations of the "E" and "R" groups.

In accordance with the desire of the General Synod, the Statistical Reports for the calendar year 1935 are being assembled and summarized for joint publication. A Tentative Report of the Communicant Membership in the "R" Group as of January 1, 1936, shows a total of 349,852. This is an increase of 1,663 over the report for the previous year.

Since the Cleveland Meeting the archives have been slightly increased by the addition of volumes written by "R" Group authors among which the second edition of the *Life of Dr. Benjamin Bausman*, by Dr. Henry H. Ranck of Washington, D. C., *The Compulsion of Love or Jesus and the Woman at the Well*, by Dr. Paul J. Dundore, Greenville, Pa., *Boys Will Be Men*, by Dr. Boyd Edwards, Mercersburg, Pa., and *The End of the Beginning*, by Dr. A. V. Casselman, Philadelphia, Pa., are worthy of special mention.

In discharging the duties of this office, Miss Helen B. Leech continues the efficient and dependable secretary in this office.

Sincerely yours,

J. Rauch Stein, Stated Clerk.

4. Reports of the Treasurers

The reports of Treasurers F. A. Keck and Milton Warner were presented in printed form. Special attention was called by each to distinctive features and obligations. The reports were then severally adopted and referred to the Executive Committee for information.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONTINGENT FUND of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church for 1935 $$\rm RECEIPTS$$

Charles Contributions	
Special Contributions:	
Offering at Merger Service in 1935	\$ 135.84
Donation	0.00
Milton Warner, Treas, Reformed Church	10 762 35
F. A. Keck, Treas. Evangelical Synod	8 769 40
Milton Warner, Treas. Reformed Church, for Federal	Council 3,000.00
F. A. Keck, Treas. Evangelical Synod, for Federal Cou	ncir 1,800.00
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
	\$24,475.61
DISBURSEMENTS	Ψ21,110.01
Allowances:	
President	21 200 00
Vice-President	\$1,800.00
Vice-President	
Salaries:	\$ 3,000.00
	4.000.00
Secretary Lampe	4,000.00
Secretary Vieth	
Evnances of the Evecutive Committee and G. I. G.	7,000.00
Expenses of the Executive Committee and Sub-Commit	ittees 826.66
Expenses of the Committee on Correlation and Promot	ion 673.28
Expenses of Kingdom Service Committee Conference . Promotion—Lantern Lecture Slides and "New Ventu	re
of Faith"	2,759.31
Less Sales	1,001.95
	1 757 36
Meetings of Committee on Constitution and Sub-Comm	nittees 2,531.02
Printing and Mailing the Constitution	630 32
Miscellaneous Expenses	10.25
Federal Council of Churches	4,800.00
	400.00
Balance in Bank	\$22,886.40
Dalance in Dank	
	\$24,475.61

F. A. Keck, Treasurer.

Report of Milton Warner, Treasurer of the Contingent Fund of the General Synod of the Reformed Church

JANUARY 1, 1934, TO DECEMBER Balance January 1, 1934	31, 1934	\$ 9.817.89
RECEIPTS		
On 1929 Deficit\$ 1,19	98.73	
	31.80	
	18.66	
On 1934 Contingent Fund a/c 22,44	11.68	
On 1935 Contingent Fund a/c	.17	
	\$25,851.	04
Miscellaneous Exchange 26	39.88	
National Service Commission	33.21	
	13.92	
Board of Home Missions on note	38.96	
Board of Home Missions on note	2,315.	07
	2,010.	28,167.01
		20,101.01
		007.004.00
		\$37,984.90
EXPENDITURES		
Alliance of Reformed Churches\$ 51	18.87	
Chaplain Account 30	00.00	
Faith and Order	00.00	
Turch wild order treatment	00.00	
	35.00	
Committee Emperate Title	00.00	
	54.20	
	71.21	
	75.00	
Itelorined Charenment & Ecosor	00.00	
-	\$13,104 .	28
F. A. Keck, Treasurer	588.	79
National Service Commission transferred	474.	06
Miscellaneous Exchange	269.	88
Executive Committee		
On 1933 and 1934 Contingent 11,23	27.47	
On 1932 Contingent	30.90	
On 1932 Contingent	99.46	
On 1929 Contingent 49	$\frac{73.40}{}$ 12,267.	09
	12,201.	
		- 26,704.84
		011 000 00
Balance in Market Street National Bank		\$11,280.06
STATEMENT OF DEFICITS		
1929 Deficit	\$ 3 756	36
Desire in 1004	1,198.	72
Receipts in 1934	1,130.	_\$ 2.557.63
	10 500	
1932 Deficit	10,580.	08
Receipts in 1934	1,061.	
		9,518.28
1933 Deficit	4,281.	
Receipts in 1934	1,148.	66
		-3,133.18
1934 Contingent	25,000.	00
Receipts in 1934	22.441	68
TOCOGIDED III TOOT		_ 2,558.32
		\$17,767.41

JANUARY 1, 1935, to DECEMBER 31, 19 Balance January 1, 1935	35 \$	11,280.06
RECEIPTS		
On 1929 Deficit		
On 1932 Deficit		
On 1933 Deficit		
On 1934 Deficit		
On 1935 Contingent		
On 1936 Contingent a/c		
On 1935 Contingent	97 699 46	
Miscellaneous Exchange	21,032.40	
Extractional Exchange		07 005 40
		27,985.48
	•	20 965 54
EXPENDITURES	P	39,265.54
Alliance of Reformed Churches \$ 522.28		
Chaplain Account		
Faith and Order		
Federal Council of Churches		
Committee and Travel Expense		
Office Expense		
Salary Account		
Reformed Churchmen's League		
Missellon com The Leave		
Miscellaneous Exchange F. A. Keck, Treasurer of the General Synod of the	348.74	
F. A. Reck, Treasurer of the General Synod of the		
Evangelical and Reformed Church—Contingent Ex-	10 500 05	
penses for 1935	10,762.35	
On 1929 Contingent		
On 1022 Contingent		
On 1932 Contingent 27.02 On 1933 and 1934 Contingent 683.72		
On 1935 Contingent		
On 1999 Contingent 0,037.42	0.700.00	
	6,782.02	28,872.05
Balance in Market Street National Bank	\$	10 393 49
	Ψ	10,000.10
STATEMENT OF DEFICITS	0 555 40	
1929 Deficit	2,557.63	
itecerpts in 1999		9 470 90
1932 Deficit	0 510 00	2,476.36
Receipts in 1935	54.04	
itecerpts in 1000	34.04	0 464 94
1933 and 1934 Deficit	5,691.50	9,464.24
Receipts in 1935	1,247.73	
	1,211.10	4,443.77
1935 Contingent	29 402 45	1,110.11
Receipts in 1935 plus 17c received in 1934	26 248 99	
	=4,210.00	3,153.46
	_	4,+04.+0
	9	19,537.83
Balance in closed Parkway Trust Company		1-21.22
Note on Amount retained by Parkway Trust Company	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
on Board of Home Mission Debt	2,812.89	
Audited and found correct:	4,014.03	
Wm. F. DeLong and Geo. W. Waidner.		
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Amounts Due to the Contingent Fund of the General Synod of the Reformed Church

DECEMBER 31, 1935

Amount due for Period en Eastern Synod Potomac Synod			\$1,119 \$1,256	0.99
rotomac Synou				\$2,476.36
				Total
Classes	1930-32	1933-34	1935	Deficits
Lebanon	\$ 31.34	\$ 35.89	\$ 79.47	\$ 146.70
Lancaster		27.43		1,020.83
East Susquehanna			236.27	855.50
West Susquehanna	1,215.09	616.54		1,831.63
Wyoming	11.40	44.66	181.71	237.77
Reading		-	17.59	17.59
Eastern Hungarian		156.25	117.73	722.66
German Philadelphia			324.53	324.53
Central Ohio		<u> </u>	138.25	138.25
Northwest Ohio		790.08	260.64	1,480.07
Lakeside Hungarian		198.03	94.44	448.97
Nebraska		52.48*		* 500.00
Manitoba		66.34	41.57	292.83
Eureka		208.61	116.71	881.04
North Dakota		65.18	37.91	154.81
Edmonton			40.63	40.63
Westmoreland		664.04	389.18	1,053.22
Clarion			. 30.00	30.00
Somerset		213.93	264.05	1,236.23
Central Hungarian		70.00	91.38	161.38
Western Hungarian				928.20
West New York		315.44	413.53	728.97
Mercersburg				†180.00
Juniata		73.90	129.30	203.20
Baltimore-Washington		306.95	148.57	795.52
(Former German Synod of the East)				
German Philadelphia	130.76	54.73		185.49
Heidelberg		155.00	-	851.12
West New York		328.29	-	1,614.33
	\$9,464.24	\$4,443.77	\$3,153.46	\$17,061.47

^{*} Credit of \$500.00 allowed Nebraska Classis by General Synod in 1934. † Mercersburg Classis claims credit for \$180.00.

"R" Funds of the Executive Committee of the General Synod

REPORT OF MILTON WARNER, TREASURER FOR THE YEARS 1934 AND 1935

1934 Balance at Beginning of Year \$ 1,420.97	1935 \$1,873.68
Receipts: General Synod Contingent Fund 12,267.83 Parkway Trust Company 430.16 Literature Sold 27.24	6,782.02 55.19
\$14,146.20	\$8,710.89

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1,000.00	- T	
2.143.90	2,648	3.45
476.76	163	1.88
116.68	-	
150.00	_	-
1,122.64	1,063	3.92
2,225.98	1,457	7.49
270.15	293	3.24
218.96	261	1.25
18.40	18	5.50
832.74	813	3.64
89.40	49	9.50
266.31	437	7.04
282.00	13	1.10
•		
52.52	5	1.18
6.08		
	12,272.52 ——	7,384.19
<u> </u>	1 873 68	\$1,326.70
		¥1,520.10
	116.68 150.00 1,122.64 2,225.98 270.15 218.96 18.40 832.74 89.40 266.31 282.00 52.52 6.08	2,143.90 2,648 476.76 161 116.68 150.00 1,122.64 1,063 2,225.98 1,457 270.15 293 218.96 263 18.40 11 832.74 813 89.40 43 266.31 437 282.00 133

Balance in closed Parkway Trust Company, \$1,032.37.

Audited and found correct:

Wm. F. DeLong and Geo. W. Waidner.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA

For the Year 1934

PAYING BASIS FOR THE YEAR 1934

Boards		
Eden Theological Seminary\$	28,176.00	
Elmhurst College	58,008.00	
Home Mission	86,184.00	
Foreign Mission	96,720.00	
Religious Education	19,008.00	
Ministerial Pension and Relief Fund	60,000.00	
Pastors' Homes	1,800.00	
Church Extension Fund	600.00	
Administration	24,252.00	
Evangelical League	1,200.00	
Evangelical Brotherhood	1,800.00	
Evangelical Women's Union	1,200.00	
Debt Reduction	6,000.00	
Interest on Loans	4,000.00	
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DIDGET DECEMBE DV MONTH	a	\$388,948.00
BUDGET RECEIPTS BY MONTH	s	\$388,948.00
BUDGET RECEIPTS BY MONTH: February\$	The second second	\$388,948.00
February\$	The second second	\$388,948.00
February\$	18,747.64 20,237.64	\$388,948.00
February	18,747.64 20,237.64	\$388,948.00
February \$ March April May	18,747.64 20,237.64 26,768.79	\$388,948.00
February \$ March April May June	18,747.64 20,237.64 26,768.79 19,548.89	\$388,948.00
February \$ March April May June July	18,747.64 20,237.64 26,768.79 19,548.89 15,208.05	\$388,948.00
February \$ March April May June July August	18,747.64 20,237.64 26,768.79 19,548.89 15,208.05 15,906.84	\$388,948.00
February \$ March April May June July August September	18,747.64 20,237.64 26,768.79 19,548.89 15,208.05 15,906.84 17,864.86	\$388,948.00
February \$ March April May June July August September October	18,747.64 20,237.64 26,768.79 19,548.89 15,208.05 15,906.84 17,864.86 18,487.34	\$388,948.00
February \$ March April May June July August September October November	18,747.64 20,237.64 26,768.79 19,548.89 15,208.05 15,906.84 17,864.86 18,487.34 40,281.07	\$388,948.00
February \$ March April May June July August September October November December	18,747.64 20,237.64 26,768.79 19,548.89 15,208.05 15,906.84 17,864.86 18,487.34 40,281.07 31,830.57	\$388,948.00
February \$ March April May June July August September October November December	18,747.64 20,237.64 26,768.79 19,548.89 15,208.05 15,906.84 17,864.86 18,487.34 40,281.07 31,830.57 34,477.43 58,832.40	\$388,948.00 \$318,191,52

Budget Deficit, 1934 \$ 70,756.48

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS
From Districts, for Disposal on Budget Basis
Atlantic
California
Colorado
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas 5,175.55
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska 6,678.00
New York
North Illinois 29,815.01
Ohio
Pacific Northwest
Pennsylvania 6,941.00
South Illinois
Southern 4,745.07
Texas 6,257.46
West Missouri
Wisconsin 22,007.44
Montana Mission 445.85
Canada Mission 87.90
Special 5.00
\$318,191.52
From Special Designations, for Boards on Budget Basis
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Eden Seminary \$ 569.22 Elmhurst College 348.80
Home Mission
Ozark Mission
Biloxi Mission
Seamen's Mission
Mission Churches
Women's Union Project:
Ascension Day Offering for Zion Church,
Everett, Wash 1,170.29
A Parsonage on Madeline Island
Ozark Work
Total
Foreign Mission
Honduras
Lepers
Women's Union Project:
A Mission Station in Honduras 75.13
Training of Nurses and Evangelists in
Honduras 1,814.39
Katherine Goetsch Memorial 267.77
Total
Ministerial Pension and Relief Fund 1.512.04
Women's Union Project:
Ministerial Pension Fund
Total 3,326,43
50.291.68

- 50,291.68 \$368,483.20

DISBURSEMENTS

To Boards on Budget Basis

Eden Theological Seminary \$28,176.00 Elmhurst College 58,008.00 Oakwood Institute 200.00 Home Mission 86,184.00 Foreign Mission 96,720.00 Board of Religious Education 19,008.00 Ministerial Pension and Relief Board 60,000.00 Pastors' Homes 1,800.00 Church Extension Board 600.00 Evangelical League 1,200.00 Evangelical Brotherhood 1,800.00 Evangelical Women's Union 1,200.00 Synodical Treasury (See following Statement) 28,833.48 Total Oakwood Institute has \$872.00 due from 1933 Budget Debt Reduction account has a balance of \$500.00	\$389,729.48
To Boards on Budget Basis for Special Designations	
Eden Seminary \$ 569.22 Elmhurst College 348.80 Home Mission 10,614.42 Foreign Mission 34,977.28 Ministerial Pension and Relief Fund 3,326.43 Pastors' Homes 139.12 Church Extension Board 90.75 Religious Education 41.98 Dunkirk 128.03 Evangelical Women's Union 1.00 Budget Promotion 160.68 Total	50,397.71
To Special Designations, not on Budget Basis Pastors' Emergency Relief Fund \$235.00 Caroline Mission \$235.62 Mohri Fund \$5.00 Eden Seminary (Women's Union Student Aid Fund) 971.88 Elmhurst College (Women's Union Student Aid Fd.) 971.88 Elmhurst College Bond Acc't (Elmhurst-Eden Adv.) 6,750.00 Eden Seminary Bond Account (Elmhurst-Eden Adv.) 26,250.00 Elmhurst College Interest Account (E. E. Adv.) 22,427.33 Eden Seminary Interest Account (E. E. Adv.) 13,455.75 Legacies Paid 3,000.00 Charities 5,459.70 Synodical Recovery Plan 3,004.81 Total	82,766.97
Carried Forward	522,894.16

RECEIPTS

Brought Forward		368,483.20
Pastors' Homes\$63	.98	
Women's Union Project:		
Pastors' Home at Blue Springs 75	.14	
Total		
Church Extension Fund		
Religious Education Dunkirk		
Evangelical Women's Union		
Total		394.68
		001.00
For Special Designations not on Budget		
Budget Deficit\$	2,305.92	
Synodical Recovery	27,985.56	
Pastors' Emergency Relief Fund	201.00	
Caroline Mission	235.62	
Mohri Fund	5.00	
Evangelical Women's Union Student Aid Fund	1,943.76	
Elmhurst Bond Acc't (E. E. Adv.)\$ 51,375.00		
Eden Bond Acc't (E. E. Adv.) 17,125.00		
	68,500.00	
Elmhurst Interest Acc't (E. E. Adv.)\$ 2,707.91		
Eden Interest Account (E. E. Adv.) 241.19		
	2,949.10	
Annuities Received	26,100.00	
Legacies	9,888.84	
Charities	5,172.26	
Total		145,287.06
10001		140,201.00
		145,201.00
Other Receipts		145,267.00
Other Receipts		145,207.00
	2,593.47 1,300.22	149,287.00
Other Receipts Interest Received on Annuity Investments\$	2,593.47	149,287.00
Other Receipts Interest Received on Annuity Investments Interest Received on Endowments Interest Received on Bonds and Loans	2,593.47 1,300.22 7,718.99	140,207.00
Other Receipts Interest Received on Annuity Investments\$ Interest Received on Endowments	2,593.47 1,300.22	140,201.00
Other Receipts Interest Received on Annuity Investments Interest Received on Endowments Interest Received on Bonds and Loans	2,593.47 1,300.22 7,718.99 1,000.00	140,207.00
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Other Receipts Interest Received on Annuity Investments	2,593.47 1,300.22 7,718.99 1,000.00 410.00 73.34 27,487.05 114,926.24	140,207.00
Other Receipts Interest Received on Annuity Investments \$ Interest Received on Endowments Interest Received on Bonds and Loans Special Donations for Synodical Treasury Rent—Bertha Hasse Estate Fritz Doerman Estate Accommodation Account Loans Wilhelmine Meyer Estate Fund	2,593.47 1,300.22 7,718.99 1,000.00 410.00 73.34 27,487.05 114,926.24 486.33	140,207.00
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Other Receipts Interest Received on Annuity Investments	2,593.47 1,300.22 7,718.99 1,000.00 410.00 73.34 27,487.05 114,926.24 486.33 9.00 50.38	140,207.00
Other Receipts Interest Received on Annuity Investments \$ Interest Received on Endowments Interest Received on Bonds and Loans Special Donations for Synodical Treasury Rent—Bertha Hasse Estate Fritz Doerman Estate Accommodation Account Loans Wilhelmine Meyer Estate Fund Rev. A. E. Helm Foundation Robinson Academy—Funds Account Sale of Securities (Annuities)	2,593.47 1,300.22 7,718.99 1,000.00 410.00 73.34 27,487.05 114,926.24 486.33 9.00 50.38 5,500.00	140,207.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

Brought Forward	\$	522,894.16
Other Disbursements		
Maintenance—Schreiber's Farm\$	32.15	
Interest Paid on Annuities	6,618.00	
Interest Paid on Bonds and Loans	14,285.09	
Accommodation Account	29,466.55	
Notes Payable—Others	29,450.00	
Accounts Receivable	528.10	
Eden Seminary (Rev. A. E. Helm Foundation)	9.00	
Robinson Academy Funds Account	21.25	
United States Treasury Bonds	10,121.60	*
Estate of Henry Ulferts	215.20	
World's Fair Exhibit	750.00	
Contingent Fund—Evang. & Reformed Church	1,491.10	
Investments Purchased for Annuities	10,559.00	
Legacies Investment Account	3,275.00	
Return Check Account	223.71	
Total—		107,045.75
Total Disbursements	\$0	629,939.91
SYNODICAL TREASURY DISBURSEMENT	rs	
Officers' Salaries:		
Rev. C. W. Locher, D.D\$	1,460.65	
Rev. Paul Press	1,200.00	
Rev. F. C. Klick, President	647.50	
F. A. Keck, Treasurer	3,420.00	
Rev. H. P. Vieth, Executive Secretary	2,500.00	
Rev. H. H. Bode, D.D.	300.00	0.500.15
Travel Expense:		9,528.15
Board of Directors\$	319.17	
Pastors First Charge	86.71	
Federal Council—Dayton, Ohio	78.91	
Committee on Church Union	684.50	
District Conferences	9.80	
General Conference	28.45	
General Council	1,355.02	
Endowment and Trust Board	15.98	
Committee on Promotion	15.00	
Federated Charities	3.44	
President's Moving Expense	190.00	
Joint Meet. Home Miss. & Church Extension Bd	29.81	
Rev. Held—Pension Controversy	12.05	
Committee on Transportion	2.50	
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Office Expense:		
President\$	2,481.91	
Treasurer	3,260.61	
Executive Secretary	4,229.54	
		9,972.06
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Carried Forward	\$	22,331.55

Brought Forward	\$	22,331.55
Printing:		
St. Louis Star and Times—Fiftieth Anniversary\$	50.00	
	707.00	
General Council	11.38	
	509.59	
Reports to District Conferences	509.59	
Herald and Friedensbote to retired Ministers and	526.00	
Ministers' Widows		
Statistical Reports	77.99	
Mite Boxes	223.99	0 107 05
Miscellaneous:		2,107.95
2. 마이트 프라이터 1970를 위한 1984는 1. 일반 경험하다. 보고 18. 1982는 1985은 12 전 1982 보다 1982는 1. 2012 1982는 1. 2012 1982 1982 1		
Expense of President's Residence: Interest\$	450.00	
	20.15	
Insurance		
Repairs	6.20	
Rent	65.00	
Federal Council of Churches	1,800.00	
Sundries	53.00	
Safe Deposit Box	16.50	
Professional Services—Audit Treasurers' Books	250.00	
Historical Commission	360.00	
Treasurers' Bonds	546.50	
Federal Check Tax	19.96	
Enlarged Photo of Dr. Locher	16.00	
World Conference—Committee on Faith	20.00	
	250.00	
Christianity and Social Problems	0.1 (2) (2) (2) (3)	
General Council	71.80	
Difference in Howard Payne College Bond	275.00	
Balance Due—World's Fair Exhibit	9.37	
		4,229.48
Honoraria to the Members of the Board of Directors		762.50
Total Disbursements	\$	29.431.48
Deduct:		
Refund on Premium on Bond of Treasurer\$	594.50	
Refund on Ass'm on c/d Howard Payne Bond	3.50	
		598.00
	- e	28,833.48
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SUMMARY		
February 1, 1934, Bank Balance\$	3,172.18	
Receipts during Year 69	1,949.39	
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Disbursements during Year 62		
February 1, 1935, Bank Balance	\$	65,181.66

For the Year 1935

PAYING BASIS FOR THE YEAR 1935

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

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From Districts, for Disposal on Budget I	Basis
Atlantic\$	14.412.02
California	3,251,92
Colorado	2,093.49
Indiana	50,934.92
	15.912.59
Iowa	5,955.05
Kansas	21,152,95
Michigan	
Minnesota	11,092.95
Missouri	37,730.41
Nebraska	6,396.29
New York	29,538.67
North Illinois	34,616.01
Ohio	32,178.05
Pacific Northwest	1,117.51
Pennsylvania	7,367.66
South Illinois	22,954,76
Southern	5.542.65
Texas	6.368.25
West Missouri	13,806.47
Wisconsin	24,051.48
	483.22
Montana and Canada Mission	
	\$346,957.32
From Special Designations, for Boards on Bu	daet Pasis
Eden Seminary\$	292.14
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DISBURSEMENTS

To Boards on Budget Basis

To Boards on Budget Basis		
Eden Theological Seminary\$	23,800.00	
Elmhurst College	49,300.00	
Foreign Missions	81,600.00	
Home Missions	73,100.00	
Ministerial Pension and Relief Board	51,000.00	
Pastors' Home	1,530.00	
Church Extension Board	600.00	
Board of Religious Education	17.500.00	
Evangelical League	1.500.00	
Evangelical Brotherhood	1,800.00	
Evangelical Women's Union	700.00	
Dunkirk Bonds	8,000.00	
Synodical Treasury (See following Statement)	25,646.83	
Total		336,076.83
Debt Reduction account has a balance of \$500.00.		330,010.03
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To Boards on Budget Basis for Special Des	signations	
Eden Seminary\$		
Elmhurst College	98.30	
Home Missions	9,824.34	
Home Missions	32,841.26	
Foreign Missions		
Ministerial Pension and Relief Fund	4,401.33	
Pastors' Homes	43.03	
Church Extension Fund	49.80	
Additional Allowance—Religious Education	800.00	
Religious Education	1.00	
Evangelical Women's Union	1.00	
Evangelical League	29.00	
Budget Promotion	259.33	
Total		48,640.53
To Special Designations, not on Budget	Racio	
Dunkirk	211.36	
Pastors' Emergency Relief Fund	285.00	
Caroline Mission	163.10	
Mohri Fund	12.50	
Eden Seminary (Women's Union Student Aid Fund)	1,489.15	
Elmhurst College (Women's Union Student Aid Fund)	1,489.15	
Elmhurst College Bond Acc't (Elmhurst-Eden Ad-		
vance)	13,400.00	
Eden Seminary Bond Acc't (Elmhurst-Eden Advance)	100,070.00	
Legacies Paid	28,175.48	
Charities	5,922.10	
Synodical Recovery Plan	124.02	
Chicago City Mission	2.00	
St. Louis Institution and Hospital Mission	17.57	
Commission on Christianity and Social Problems	20.00	
Total		151,381.43
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Carried Forward		\$536,098.79
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RECEIPTS

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Brought Forward		394.987.11
Pastors' Homes\$,001,001.11
Church Extension Fund	56.00	
Religious Education	1.00	
Synodical Treasury	100.00	
Evangelical Women's Union	1.00	
Evangelical League	29.00	990.00
Total		230.03
For Special Designations not on Budget	Basis	
Dunkirk\$	211.36	
Budget Deficit	555.00	
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Synodical Recovery	7,515.42	
Evangelical Women's Union—Student Aid Fund	2,978.30	
Pastors' Emergency Relief Fund	40.00	
Caroline Mission	163.10	
Chicago City Mission	2.00	
St. Louis Institution and Hospital Mission	17.57	
Commission on Christianity and Social Problems	20.00	
Mohri Fund	12.50	
Eden Seminary Bond Acc't (E. E. Adv.).\$ 19,672.95		
Elmhurst College Bond Acc't (E. E. Adv.) 59,006.60		
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Annuities Received	15,400.00	
Legacies	31,896.19	
Charities	5,794.02	
		143,285.01
Other Receipts		
Interest Received on Annuity Investment	1,268.53	
Interest Received on Endowments	1,345.06	
Interest Received on Dunkirk Loan	275.00	
Rent-Residence, 203 Bompart Ave., Webster Groves,		
Mo	420.00	
Interest on Time Deposit—Wilh, and Marie Mueller	53.37	
Rent on Robinson Academy	135.88	
Rent—Bertha Hasse Estate	75.00	
Loans—Banks	30,000.00	
Loans—Others	90,694.99	
Accommodation Account	8,226.46	
Legacies Investment Account	1,000.00	
Estate of Mary Eissner, Dec'd	41.45	
Rev. A. E. Helm Foundation	9.00	
Contingent Fund—Receipts from Districts	7.576.90	
Return Check Account	517.76	
Annuity Investments Paid		
Total	13,184.00	154 000 40
10tal		154,823.40
Total Receipts	•	602 225 55
		.000,020.00
February 1, 1935—Bank Balance\$	65.181.66	
Receipts during year	393 325 55	
	58,507.21	
Disbursements during year	395 095 27	
February 1, 1936—Bank Balance	00,000.01	69 411 04
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DISBURSEMENTS		
Brought Forward		536,098.79
Other Disbursements		
Return Check Account\$ Notes Receivable—Special Account	517.76 842.00	
Maintenance—Schreiber's Farm Interest Paid on Annuities	43.72 $7.993.16$	
Interest Paid on Bank Loans	148.67	
Interest Paid on Bonds	27,765.92	
Interest Paid on Notes	14,593.62 8,446.96	
Notes Payable—Banks	30,000.00	
Notes Payable—Others than Banks	34,825.00	
Estate of Henry Ulferts, Joliet, Ill.	7.80	
Estate of Mary Eissner, Milwaukee, Wis Estate of Emma Bakemeier, Indianapolis, Ind	262.77 320.80	
Eden Seminary (Rev. A. E. Helm Foundation)	9.00	1
Contingent Fund—Evangelical and Reformed Church	8,769.40	
Investments Purchased for Annuities	23,450.00	155 000 50
Total Loans:		157,996.58
Home Mission Board		1,000.00
Total Disbursements	\$	695,095.37
SYNODICAL TREASURY DISBURSEMENTS		
Officers' Salaries:		
itev. F. C. Kitck, I resident 9,100.00		
Rev. F. C. Klick, Rent		
	4 275 00	
F. A. Keck. Treasurer	4,275.00 3,420.00	
F. A. Keck, Treasurer	4,275.00 3,420.00 962.50	
Rev. H. L. Streich	3,420.00 962.50 300.00	
Rev. H. L. Streich Rev. H. H. Bode, D. D. Total	3,420.00 962.50	8,957.50
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Rev. H. L. Streich Rev. H. H. Bode, D. D. Total Office Expense: President Treasurer Executive Secretary Total Travel Expense: Board of Directors Pastors' First Charge Federal Council Meeting District Conferences General Council Meeting Kingdom Service Committee District Council Meeting Regional Conferences	3,420.00 962.50 300.00 \$1,937.69 3,838.59 3,533.72 \$285.65 231.32 8.86 30.32 736.55 263.08 29.00 35.00	•
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Carried Forward\$ 20,127.00

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Brought Forward		20,127.00
Printing:		
Reports to Districts\$ Friedensbote and Herald to Retired Ministers and	695.44	
Ministers' Widows	469.00	
Acknowledging—Foreign Charities	12.88	
Kingdom Service Committee	185.87	
Miscellaneous	27.25	
Total		1,354.44
Miscellaneous:		
Expense—Residence, 203 Bompart, Webster Groves, Missouri		
Interest\$232.50		
Repairs 164.48		
Insurance 20.15		
	417.13	
Federal Council of Churches	1,800.00	
Safe Deposit Box	16.50	
Historical Commission	180.00	
Collection Fees on Checks	278.30	
Christianity and Social Problems	250.01	
Forgery Bonds	79.69	
Robinson Academy—Insurance	18.90	
Venetian Blinds	123.60	
Lawyer's Fees	20.30	
Kingdom Service Expense	92.96	
Sundries	43.00	3,320.39
Honorarium:		
Rev. Paul Press\$	125.00	
Rev. L. W. Goebel	125.00	
J. C. Fischer	125.00	
Rev. F. A. Meusch	200.00	
John W. Mueller	400.00	
Total—		975.00
Total Disbursements		25,776.83
Deduct:		
Premium, Treasurer's Bonds		130.00
DUDGET DEFECT		25,646.83
BUDGET DEFICIT		
Accumulated budget deficits 1932-33-34\$1 Gifts received for the deficit during 1935	86,550.72	
Net accumulated deficits, 1932-33-34		179 604 99
Interest, Elmhurst-Eden prior to 1935		178,604.32 135,453.38
Budget Deficit 1935		17,372.68
Synodical Treasury deficit accumulated 1930-35	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	39,676.97
Additional Allowance—Board of Religious Education.		800.00
		800.00
		371,907.35

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. Keck, Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

This Report was presented on Thursday morning by the Secretary. It was considered and action taken at opportune times throughout the day. The record of actions taken on specific recommendations follows immediately after the report in its entirety which reads as follows:

To the General Synod:

At the first meeting of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, in 1934, an Executive Committee was elected, composed of the President, the First Vice-President, the President of the former General Synod of the Reformed Church, the President of the former Evanglical Synod of North America, eight active pastors and eight elders or lay members. Those chosen, whose names are appended, submit the following report.

FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The General Synod resolved "That the function of the Executive Committee shall be especially to promote the work of the Church and to expedite the correlation and unification of the hitherto separate agencies and activities. Until a constitution is adopted, the function of the Executive Committee for that portion of the Evangelical and Reformed Church which formerly was the Reformed Church in the United States shall be the same as the functions defined in Article 122 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States. (The General Synod at its regular meeting shall elect an Executive Committee which shall be constituted as the General Synod may from time to time determine. Meetings shall be held semi-annually and also at the call of the Chairman or three members of the Committee. The Executive Committee shall aid in stimulating the spiritual life of the Church; co-ordinate the work of the Boards of General Synod; receive and adjust the budgets of said Boards and submit them to General Synod with recommendations; co-operate with the Classes in apportioning the budgets of the Boards and assist the Classes and congregations in securing the budgets; regulate the making of special appeals for funds throughout the Church, serve as a general bureau of Church finances; promote the principles and practice of Christian Stewardship; prepare the Order of Business and the Blue Book for the meeting of the General Synod, and, with the pastor-loci, work out the program of the General Synod. Its duties shall be subject to revision at each triennial sessions of the General Synod. A record of the Executive Committee's proceedings shall be kept and submitted to the General Synod.) For that portion of the Evangelical and Reformed Church which formerly was the Evangelical Synod of North America, the Executive Committee shall cooperate with the Board of Directors in harmony with authority granted said Board before the union and with the provision of the Plan of Union.

"The Executive Committee may elect one or two full time secretaries. The budget for the conduct of the work of the Committee shall be regarded as part of the contingent expenses of the General Synod.

"The Executive Committee is empowered to determine the costs necessary to carry on the work of administration of the Executive Committee and to pro-rate these costs to the respective groups with the proviso, however, that all possible economy be exercised."

A further resolution of the General Synod was "that the secretary or some other member of each of the Boards of the General Synod shall be a member of the Committee on Correlation and Promotion of the Executive Committee."

MEETINGS — OFFICERS

The newly constituted Executive Committee met in Cleveland on June 27, 1934, immediately after the close of the General Synod and organized by electing Dr. George W. Richards as Chairman and Dr. William E. Lampe as Secretary. Dr. Lampe has served as the Recording and Corresponding Secretary of the Committee.

Dr. Lampe and Rev. H. P. Vieth were elected secretaries to continue the work they had been doing in the two former denominations, and to perform such other duties as should be assigned them by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee chose its Chairman, Dr. Richards, the President of the General Synod, and Dr. L. W. Goebel, the First Vice-President of the General Synod, one or the other, to attend the merger meetings of all Boards and agencies and in every way possible expedite the correlation and unification of the agencies and activities. It instructed them to visit Districts, Synods, Classes, and congregations, and to carry on a correspondence to help complete the union. It voted each of them an allowance to provide for necessary expenses for this work.

The second meeting was held in Philadelphia, Pa., October 3-4, 1934, the third meeting at Webster Groves, Mo., October 30-31, 1935, and the fourth meeting in Cleveland on May 1, 1936. It is to meet again at Fort Wayne, Indiana, prior to the opening of the meeting of the General Synod. Between its meetings the Executive Committee has functioned through its officers and a number of committees.

MATTERS REFERRED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD

Reference I. Fixing the date for the meeting of the General Synod. The Executive Committee canvassed the situation from all points of view and set June 10, 1936, as the date for this meeting.

Reference II. The overture of the Southwest Ohio Classis to enlarge the Commission on Closer Relations and Church Union so that active pastors and elders be given larger recognition on it. The Executive Committee filed this and calls it to the attention of the General Synod now in session.

Reference III. World Calendar. The communication concerning a fixed date for Easter and general calendar reform was considered. Dr. Paul Press was requested to prepare a paper on this subject. This was approved and printed in the Church papers and the World Calendar Association was informed that the Executive Committee approves of a uniform world calendar.

Reference IV. Immoral Moving Pictures. The Social Service Commission of the Reformed group sent the resolution to the Classes and the Executive Committee referred it to the Evangelical Social Service Commission.

Reference V. Militarism, Military Service and Denominational Repudiation of War. The Executive Committee refers this matter back to the General Synod.

Reference VI. The Federal Council of Churches—the overtures from two Classes requesting the General Synod to withdraw. Attention is called to the fact that both the Evangelical Synod and the Reformed Church have been in the Federal Council from its beginning. Until the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall decide to the contrary, the Executive Committee is of the opinion that our relation to the Federal Council shall continue.

Reference VII. New Hymnal and Book of Worship. This was "referred to the Executive Committee with power." The report on this subject will be found in a separate section.

Reference VIII. Evangelical Brotherhood and Reformed Churchmen's

League. The report on this subject is in the section on "Unification of Agencies and Activities."

References IX, X, and XI. The World Conference on Faith and Order, the Budget for the Contingent Fund, and a Committee on Correlation and Promotion are reported on in other sections.

UNIFICATION OF AGENCIES AND ACTIVITIES

Acting under the instruction of the General Synod "to expedite the correlation and unification of the hitherto separate agencies and activities" the Executive Committee established and maintained contacts with all Boards, auxiliary organizations, commissions and other agencies of both parts of the Church. Drs. Richards and Goebel attended all merger meetings, in so far as this was possible. The Executive Committee was kept informed as to the progress that was being made. In several matters, the Committee on Constitution was called upon to hold conferences regarding the future relationships of Boards and agencies and that committee cooperated in these matters with the Executive Committee.

We are happy to be able to report that the merging of the several agencies has proceeded fully as rapidly as one would have a right to expect.

All of the Boards and agencies carried on their work not only in harmony but in cooperation. All have taken steps looking to unification. Several of them have intimated that it will not be possible to unite until a Constitution is adopted and possibly not until the General Synod is incorporated.

Separate reports will be made by the corresponding Boards and other agencies of the two groups, regarding the steps they have taken. In a number of instances the General Synod will be asked to approve of certain merger plans.

The Executive Committee wishes to report regarding several cases that were referred to it by the General Synod or otherwise brought to-its attention.

The Churchmen's Brotherhood

The statement from representatives of the Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League, made to the General Synod two years ago, was referred to the Executive Committee. The Brotherhood and the League appointed representatives on a merger committee which met and worked out and adopted a "plan of union." The plan provided that it should be approved by the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Brotherhood, the Executive Committee of the Reformed Churchmen's League, and the Executive Committee of the General Synod. The Executive Committee voted its approval and we understand that the Board of the Brotherhood and the Executive Committee of the League have also approved. It is expected that the General Synod will be asked to formally unite the two men's organizations to become the Churchmen's Brotherhood, and that their union will be consummated this summer.

The Women's Guild

The Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod and the Evangelical Women's Union have a merger commission which has held several meetings and has prepared a "Basis for Union."

The Boards of Education and Publications

The Board of Christian Education ("R"), and the Board of Religious Education ("E"), including the Evangelical League, and the Board of Publications, held joint meetings of their Executive Committees. They proposed that there be a unified Board to be known as "The Board of Christian Education and Publication." They voted to "record it as our definite conviction that in an ideal type of organization the Church should, so far

as possible, divest itself of business concerns and we recommend that this be kept in mind as our ultimate goal. However, because of relationships which now exist we are convinced that this ideal cannot be realized at this time."

They voted to inform the Executive Committee of the General Synod that the Central Publishing House had signified its willingness to liquidate and requested the Executive Committee of the General Synod to take steps to have the bonded indebtedness of the Central Publishing House underwritten by the General Synod. They also voted to join with the Central Publishing House Board in overturing the four Synods ("R" group) who own the Publishing House, requesting them to underwrite the interest on Annuities as long as said Annuities continue in force. They voted further to suggest to the Board of Christian Education ("R" group) to initiate the necessary steps, in conjunction with the Board of Central Publishing House, looking forward to an orderly liquidation of the Central Publishing House.

Opposition developed to the plan for a single Board. Conferences were conducted between the representatives, and conferences were held under the auspices of the Committee on Constitution. It seemed that the only way out for the present was to provide for a separate "Board of Business Management" as is proposed in the report of the Committee on Constitution.

The merging of the Church papers, both English and German, was advocated. This involved the cessation of printing "The Christian World" at the Central Publishing House. The whole matter became a very difficult one. The Executive Committee gave it most earnest consideration and used its best offices to the extent of its ability. The three English Church papers were merged but, so far as we know, nothing has been done regarding our recommendation that the Boards concerned "initiate the earliest possible merging of the German publications."

The Executive Committee recommends that the entire matter of the Central Publishing House be referred to a special committee to report at this meeting of the General Synod.

HYMNAL AND BOOK OF WORSHIP

The General Synod of 1934 "referred with power" to the Executive Committee "the preparation of a New Hymnal and Book of Worship." The Executive Committee first discussed the need of a new hymnal and of a new book of worship. A committee of three members was appointed to canvass the whole situation of a book of worship and to suggest names of persons from all parts of the Church who might be nominated or chosen to prepare such a book. A similar committee of three was appointed with like duties regarding a hymnal. These two committees studied these matters for an entire year. During that period the Executive Committee sought to learn the mind of the Church on these matters. Many suggestions were received from groups and from individuals in regard to a hymnal and a book of worship and suitable persons to prepare the two.

Last October the Executive Committee appointed two special committees to consider all the suggestions and to nominate persons for membership on the committees to be chosen.

The Executive Committee has elected the following persons to constitute the committee to prepare a Hymnal: Rev. J. P. Meyer, Chairman, Mr. Richard G. Appel, Rev. Edward O. Butkofsky, Rev. A. Haeussler, Rev. W. Sherman Kerschner, D.D., Rev. Erwin R. Koch, Mrs. T. Mayer, Rev. Henry I. Stahr, D.D.

It elected the following persons to prepare a Book of Worship: Rev. George W. Richards, D.D., Chairman, Rev. Charles E. Creitz, D.D., Rev.

Purd E. Deitz, Rev. F. Frankenfeld, LL.D., Rev. H. H. Lohans, Rev. H. C. Nott, D.D., Rev. Paul R. Pontius, D.D., Rev. George L. Scherger, Ph.D., Rev. H. J. Schick, S.T.D., Rev. Robert C. Stanger, Rev. Scott R. Wagner,

D.D., Rev. Scott F. Brenner, Rev. H. Richard Niebuhr, Ph.D.

The Executive Committee made record of the fact that it "did not choose any member to represent any group or because of his interest in any special subject. All are to represent the entire Church and all of its interests. Each committee is, however, authorized and expected to consult with authorities in our Church and outside of it and may have representatives of groups of our Church as advisers."

Both of these committees have held meetings and will make prelimi-

nary reports at this meeting of the General Synod.

WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER AND UNIVERSAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL FOR LIFE AND WORK

The second World Conference on Faith and Order is to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1937. The Reformed Church had participated in the first conference and in the work of the Continuation Committee. The Evangelical and Reformed Church was invited to choose five delegates for the 1937 meeting and to serve on committees and commissions preparatory to the meeting. The Executive Committee chose Drs. S. D. Press and L. W. Goebel of the Evangelical group and Drs. George W. Richards, E. G. Homrighausen and Allan S. Meck of the Reformed group.

A year ago the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work requested the appointment of official representatives to attend the world meeting in 1937, in Oxford. The Executive Committee appointed as our representatives at this meeting the five chosen as the representatives at the World

Conference on Faith and Order to be held at Edinburgh.

The Executive Committee recommends to the General Synod that these persons be officially appointed and that \$150 be paid toward the expenses of each of those who attend.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL AGENCIES

Appeals were received from the Central Bureau for Relief of Evangelical Churches of Europe. Dr. Richards was requested to write an article for the Church papers and ask for contributions from the "R" group. The Treasurer of the Evangelical funds was asked to notify the Treasurer of the Central Bureau that the Evangelical gifts for this purpose also come from the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The appeal of the American Committee for German Refugees was referred to Dr. L. W. Goebel and President F. C. Klick for the "E" group and to Dr. Richards for the "R" group. They have presented the matter and some funds have been received. The Woman's Missionary Society of the

"R" group appropriated \$200 for the relief of German refugees.

The Executive Committee favorably recommended the Syrian Orphan-

age at Jerusalem to the churches.

The Religion and Welfare Recovery Movement was endorsed by the Executive Committee.

The Anti-Saloon League of America requested that representatives be appointed to confer with representatives of other Churches and of the League to consider the reorganization of the League and possible federation of the several temperance agencies. Representatives of the Reformed Church had attended previous meetings. Rev. H. H. Ranck, D.D., attended a meeting last February without expense to the Church. The Executive Committee did not feel prepared to take any action in this matter at this time.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A Committee on Transportation was appointed, consisting of Rev. H. P. Vieth, Dr. F. A. Goetsch, Rev. J. A. George and Drs. J. Rauch Stein and

William E. Lampe. This committee was not able to secure reduced rates for this meeting of the General Synod, due in part to the reduction in fares which has just become effective. It will probably be able to secure concessions and be helpful in the coming months and years.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

This meeting of the General Synod is different from meetings of the General Synod of the former Reformed Church or General Conferences of the former Evangelical Synod. It has been necessary to make provision for consideration of all of the work of both former groups. The Executive Committee prepared an outline of the program for publication in the "Blue Book" to be sent to all delegates before coming to the meeting. A more complete program is published in the "White Book," distributed to the delegates on their arrival for the meeting.

The "White Book" contains a list of the delegates to the meeting and, as far as possible, the overtures from the Classes and the resolutions from the Districts, to be presented to the General Synod. The suggestions and criticisms of the Constitution have been referred directly to the Committee on Constitution.

An effort has been made to put into print all items claiming the attention of the General Synod. Arrangements have been made to mimeograph copies of all reports and important resolutions that they may be in the hands of the delegates at the time they are asked to consider and vote upon them.

The Minutes of this meeting of the General Synod will include most of the material in the "Blue Book" and in the "White Book" and the proceedings of the meeting of the General Synod. The number of copies of the Minutes of the General Synod to be printed should be determined by the General Synod.

One of the Classes sent a request to the Executive Committee regarding place for a meeting of the General Synod. The Executive Committee recommends to the General Synod that it do not choose a definite church or building for a meeting of the General Synod unless it is fully adequate for the meeting.

STATISTICS

The differences of the statistical tables used by the former Evangelical Synod and the former Reformed Church were considered at the first meeting of the Executive Committee. The necessity of moving in the direction of having uniform statistics was recognized. Nothing could be done to provide such statistics for the year that ended December, 1934. A committee, consisting of Secretary Vieth, Stated Clerk Stein and Secretary Lampe made a careful study throughout the ensuing year and submitted recommendations looking to uniform statistics for the year ending December 31, 1935. The Executive Committee adopted a series of blanks which were used for the entire Church. It recognized their imperfections and invited criticisms from the Districts and Classes. It recommends that the General Synod authorize the Executive Committee to gather the criticisms, study them, and make decision as to what changes shall be made for the next two years.

The Executive Committee recommends that the statistics for the year 1935 be published as a separate volume and include the material on pages one and two of the statistical blank which is the same as A and B of the printed summary.

BOUNDARIES

The Executive Committee has cooperated with the Committees on Realignments of Boundaries. All six Synods of the "R" group have such committees. Several conferences have been held of the chairmen of certain of these Synodical committees with the Presidents of some of the Dis-

tricts. Although the Plan of Union provides that the General Synod shall promote the reorganization of Classes and Districts, and this might be properly considered a duty of the Executive Committee, the Committee has left this entire matter in the hands of the Committee on Constitution.

PUBLICITY

The Executive Committee arranged that all denominational publicity be handled under the name of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and through a single agency. The activities of the Executive Committee, the Committee on Constitution, and other agencies of the united Church have been reported to the Church papers. Releases have been sent to about thirty other denominational and interdenominational papers. General releases have been sent to approximately eight hundred newspapers, the aim being to reach one paper in every community where we have a congregation. Some publicity has been given to the journeys of the President and the First Vice-President of the General Synod. Progress has been made in securing biographical sketches of ministers and others. Secretary Lampe has been in charge of our Publicity Service and he will be responsible for official releases of this meeting of the General Synod, locally and to the press throughout the nation.

EVANGELISM AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

At each of its meetings, the Executive Committee felt the importance of the deepening of the spiritual life of the Church and fostering the spirit of evangelism and regarded this as one of its proper functions. On recommendation of a special committee, the Executive Committee overtured the Committee on Constitution to provide in the new Constitution for a Commission on Spiritual Life and Evangelism.

The special committee continued its study of the subject and submitted a report and plan. The Executive Committee recommends the adoption of the following:

That a permanent committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism be appointed and maintained in each District and Classis of the Church.

The Federal Council of Churches, recognizing the need of the spiritual emphasis, has planned a nation-wide preaching mission, bringing to each center the greatest preachers of the Christian world. Districts and Classes are urged to support this mission wholeheartedly by encouraging pastors and laymen to take advantage of these unusual privileges. It is of the utmost importance that the life and spirit of this preaching mission be carried into the local churches and there conserved in the vitalizing of the congregations. To this end, the District and Classical committees, pastors, councils and consistories are urged to cooperate.

The Church should provide Christian literature for the homes and it shall be regarded as a responsibility of this committee to assist in the enrichment of the same. It is suggested that a leaflet outline designed for the use of councils and consistories in their monthly meeting be prepared.

Recognizing the value of Spiritual Retreats, provision should be made for the holding of a larger number of them.

With a view to unifying this phase of the work in our united Church, the Executive Committee recommends that the General Synod confirm the appointment by the Executive Committee of a Committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism, said committee to function until the General Synod provides otherwise. In the appointment of said committee, due consideration should be given to existing agencies. The Executive Committee recommends that the following persons constitute this committee: Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer, D.D., Rev. L. V. Hetrick, Rev. Fred C. Schweinfurth, Rev. Clyde Koehler, Th.D., and Mrs. Ida Pauley.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

The principles and practice of Christian Stewardship have been advocated for many years in both the "E" and the "R" groups. The procedure formerly in use was continued during the first year of the united Church. Last October the Executive Committee appointed a Committee on Stewardship, including two lay members and the two Secretaries of the Executive Committee, the Secretaries of Stewardship of the Women's Union and the W. M. S. G. S., and two secretaries with educational responsibilities: Messrs. C. E. Zimmerman and Wm. H. Brown, Secretaries Vieth and Lampe, Mrs. E. Goffeney and Miss Helen L. Barnhart, Rev. H. L. Streich and Dr. C. A. Hauser.

The Executive Committee adopted the "Basis of Christian Stewardship" of the United Stewardship Council and the World Stewardship Union as a working basis. It recommends that the General Synod adopt these principles:

God is the creator of all things and the Father of all men. In Him all things consist and to Him all belong. In Him man lives and moves and has his being. God purposes man's highest welfare in fellowship with Himself.

God has endowed man with manifold gifts of body and mind. He has entrusted to him the use and control of things, and given him dominion over the works of His hands in partnership with Himself.

As steward of all that he is and has, man's use and control of all entrusted to him is for the development of his own character, the betterment of his fellowmen, the service of Christ, and the glory of God.

The true steward constantly and joyfully recognizes and acknowledges his stewardship. As a partner of his Heavenly Father he shares himself and his possessions with all mankind.

The Committee on Stewardship has mapped out a policy for the promotion of Christian Stewardship in the congregation as a whole and in all its organizations. The aim will be to reach every member of the entire denomination with the message of Christian Stewardship.

The outstanding feature of the Stewardship Period, January 1 to March 15, each year, is a Stewardship Essay and Poster Contest. This year there were requests for 6,521 packets for contestants and approximately 3,000 essays were written or posters made. Through this annual stewardship educational project, many members of our Church are reached and it is one step in helping to create a Stewardship-minded Church.

CORRELATION AND PROMOTION

The General Synod directed "That the function of the Executive Committee shall be especially to promote the work of the Church..." The General Synod also resolved "That the secretary or some member of each of the Boards of the General Synod shall be a member of the Committee on Correlation and Promotion of the Executive Committee."

From the very beginning, the Executive Committee recognized that the Church would become really united quickly by working together. Steps were taken to set up the Committee on Correlation and Promotion. In order that everything might be closely related to the activities of the Executive Committee, the Chairman and the two Secretaries and Drs. Paul Press and John Lentz were made members of the Committee on Correlation and Promotion. The "E" group selected Dr. Timothy Lehmann, Rev. J. J. Braun, Dr. F. A. Goetsch and Mr. A. R. Keppel to represent their boards and agencies and the "R" group selected Drs. Charles E. Schaeffer, A. V. Casselman, Paul S. Leinbach and Eugene L. McLean.

When the two Churches were merged and an Executive Committee of

the General Synod chosen, the former Executive Committee of the Reformed Church went out of existence. The same was true of its Committees on Promotion. The Evangelical Synod, however, still has its Board of Directors and its General Council, with promotional responsibilities. The newly formed Committee on Correlation and Promotion has served as the one cooperative promotional agency of the "R" group and has cooperated with the existing agencies of the "E" group.

The Committee on Correlation and Promotion has set up three departments with a committee in charge of each: Literature, Visual Presentation, and Field Work. It has also a committee to give publicity to the work of the Committee. The two secretaries work with all three departments, Secretary Vieth especially with those of Literature and Visual Presentation, and Secretary Lampe gives primary attention to the De

partment of Field Work.

Department of Literature

Unified literature has been published, notably "A New Venture of Faith," a booklet on the merger and the work of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Joint booklets by the two Boards of Home Missions and the two Boards of Foreign Missions have been issued and other joint booklets by other Boards have been projected. Messages on the church envelopes have been prepared for several years. Text books on our missionary work and other united pamphlets are under way. This committee, the Chairman of which is Mr. A. R. Keppel, prepares literature for Kingdom Service, especially for the Kingdom Roll Call. It will make provision for the Lenten pamphlet each year.

The committee proposes to publish a news sheet of four pages for free distribution to our whole constituency three times in the year. The first should be a message from the President of the Church to every Church member, to be sent out possibly next September. The next two should be illustrated news sheets regarding the cooperative work of the denomination and show what each member may do. Possibly the best dates for these would be January and May, 1937. The committee now has in hand material for a number of pamphlets which it will review carefully and

may publish during the coming year.

Department of Visual Presentation

This department includes lantern slides, films, pictures, posters, exhibits, displays, pageantry and dramatization. The Committee, the Chairman of which is Dr. A. V. Casselman, is issuing five posters this year. A Foreign Mission poster was distributed last February; one on Christian Education is now in process of production; the Boards of Ministerial Pensions and Relief and the Boards of Home Missions will publish posters later in the year; a poster for the Kingdom Roll Call will be sent out in October.

An illustrated lecture with seventy-eight colored slides on the united Church and its work was completed last September. This has been used nearly one hundred times at group meetings and by congregations.

The committee has prepared and is in charge of the exhibit at this meeting of the General Synod.

Department of Field Work

The Committee on Field Work, Dr. John Lentz, Chairman, proposed that promotional committees be chosen all along the line, in Synod, District, Classis and congregation, and that these be called Kingdom Service Committees and be given special help for their work. The District or Classical Committees are expected to report twice a year to their Districts or Classes. Their reports should be reviewed by the committee of this department.

The proposal that there be a Kingdom Service Committee in every

Classis and District was most favorably received. In the Classes, the Missionary and Stewardship Committees became the Kingdom Service Committees and assumed the somewhat changed duties. These committees were chosen in all of the Districts, taking over some of the duties formerly assigned to the District Councils. A conference of the chairman or some other member of the committees of twenty of the Districts and of forty of the Classes was held last September.

The following was adopted at the conference as: Some of the Work of District and Classical Kingdom Service Committees.

Meet frequently to formulate and carry through plans for the advancement of the denominational work within the bounds of the District or Classis.

Cooperate with the Committee on Correlation and Promotion and its sub-committees.

Develop the interest of every congregation and member that they may be willing and hearty supporters of our Kingdom work.

Find the weak spots in the work of the congregations and of the District or Classis as a whole.

Encourage and visit backward congregations.

Meet with and spur to action leading lay members in disinterested congregations.

Assist congregations in making the Annual Kingdom Roll Call.

Hold conferences of representatives of congregations,—of Kingdom Roll Call Directors, and of chairmen of congregational Kingdom Service Committees.

Assist with conferences of church councils and consistories.

Arrange for exchanges of pulpits of all the congregations of the District or Classis for a presentation of the Missionary and Benevolent work, and for meetings of church councils or consistories for discussion after the presentation.

Issue frequent bulletins showing the standing of each congregation in the payment of its Budget or Apportionment, together with such other material as will help the work.

Do everything possible that the District or Classis shall pay its Budget

or Apportionment in full for every one of the causes.

Promote the principles and practice of Christian Stewardship.

The Kingdom Service Committees have great responsibility for developing interest in and support of the causes of the Church. It is *their* task and the task of every congregation as well as of the Boards; the difference is in degree, not in kind.

Unusual interest was manifested in all of the sessions of the Kingdom Service Conference and all felt that it was very helpful in our united work. More congregations requested literature and actually made the Kingdom Roll Call (or Every Member Canvass) than for many years. The committee prepared literature outlining methods of conducting a "School for Canvassers" and material outlining a different type of Canvass, known as "The Chest of Joash" Plan.

The committee has the following program for the fall of 1936:

I. Conference of Kingdom Service Committees

The delegates to the Pittsburgh Conference voted unanimously to hold another conference in September of 1936. It would be a distinct loss to the Church if this conference were not held this year. The 1935 conference was the first gathering where the entire work of the united Church was considered. The matter of expense should not stand in the way of holding another conference.

II. Field Work of the Kingdom Service Committee

a. Fall meetings of Classes or Regional Conferences. The Kingdom Service Committees should use these gatherings to present Kingdom causes, the larger meaning of Stewardship, and the Kingdom Roll Call. b. Consistorial Conferences. For a number of years the "R" group has conducted conferences in many of the Classes. They were attended by interested men and women, especially consistorymen. They have proved so helpful in the past that they ought to be continued. c. Visitors to Congregations. If the Kingdom Service Committee, or part of the committee, visits congregations where the Roll Call has not been made, presents the work and discusses the causes, much good can be accomplished. d. Meetings of Directors of the Kingdom Roll Call. Every congregation should have a Roll Call Director. The Kingdom Service Committee should hold a conference of such directors in each District and Classis, give them definite instructions, and answer questions, so that the Roll Call in each congregation may be made intelligently.

III. The Kingdom Roll Call for the 1937 Budgets

Although the final responsibility for the Roll Call rests with pastors, official boards and congregations, the Kingdom Service Committees can do very much to stimulate and help them. A determined effort should be made this fall to subscribe in full whatever Budgets the General Synod adopts. This should be our aim, first because the causes deserve it, and secondly, the Budget of the first General Synod must not go by default.

IV. The Indebtedness of the Boards

Until these debts are wiped out, it will be difficult to unify the work. The "E" group, by action of its General Council and Board of Directors, has formulated plans for paying the deficit of the Budget of the Evangelical Synod, for the Kingdom Roll Call, and for using the tithing plan on two Sundays. Rev. J. P. Meyer is the Director in charge.

The Executive Committee has approved the following for the "R" group: The use of the Belmont Covenant Plan for a period of six weeks—the five Sundays of November and the first Sunday of December. This plan calls for the giving of a tenth of the income for this period. That the income from this plan for the weeks of November 1 and 8 be used to pay the indebtedness of the Board of Home Missions; the income for the weeks of November 15 and 22 be applied to any indebtedness the local congregation may have; the income for the weeks of November 29 and December 6 be used to complete the payment of the 1936 Apportionment of the congregation. If the congregation has no indebtedness and if the Apportionment has been paid, or full payment assured, the income of these Sundays also should be used for the indebtedness of the Board of Home Missions.

The Kingdom Roll Call in the "R" group will be made this year on November 22.

Cooperative Promotion by Zones

A plan is being worked out whereby a particular District or Synod or group of Classes may be assigned in one year to one Board to present all of the work of the Church and yet place particular emphasis on the cause of that Board, in the following year another Board assigned to that zone and so on until all the Boards have been heard. This plan has been in operation in the "E" group for some years and has many advantages.

Special Days

The months of the year in which special emphasis has been placed upon the work entrusted to the several Boards were different in the two former Churches. After conferences and mutual agreements, the Executive Committee recommends that the General Synod adopt the following as these periods of special emphasis:

Foreign Missions, January 6 to the second Sunday in February. Christian Education, May 15 to the second Sunday in June. Home Missions, September 15 to the second Sunday in October. Ministerial Relief, the last Sunday in November to the third Sunday in December.

Church Paper Day, the third Sunday in October.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Executive Committee has given much attention to the support of our missionary and benevolent operations. It has endeavored to secure support to maintain the regular work entrusted to all of the Boards, institutions and agencies. It recognizes, however, that the Evangelical and Reformed Church faces the same disturbed and difficult situation as do all other Christian Churches throughout the world.

The Debts of the Boards

The General Synod resolved that the debts of the Boards that were incurred before the union of the two Churches shall be met by the several Churches which the several Boards then represented. Despite unfavorable economic conditions, progress has been made. Plans have been made for raising sufficient funds to pay all of the indebtedness.

During the last two years the Board of Foreign Missions of the "R" group has paid off more than half of its indebtedness and the remaining amount is manageable. The Executive Committee cooperated by giving the Board of Foreign Missions the right of way in the "R" group for a number of months. The "R" Board of Home Missions is now making earnest efforts to pay the indebtedness in its General Fund, and the Executive Committee has pledged its fullest cooperation. It voted hearty approval of the project to secure twenty thousand persons to pay one dollar per month each for ten months. It also hopes that a number of persons will be willing to contribute large sums for this purpose. It is also recommending to the Church that the first two of the six Stewardship Sundays on the Belmont Covenant Plan, November 1 and 8, be used by our members and people to contribute a tithe of their incomes for the Home Mission Board indebtedness. It is the earnest desire of the Executive Committee that every possible effort be made to wipe out the entire indebtedness of the Board of Home Missions before the end of 1936. The Boards of Christian Education and of Ministerial Relief of the "R" group have no debts.

The Mission House

The Mission House is contemplating a celebration for 1937, on the occasion of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Founding of this institution. It requested permission of the Executive Committee to gather an Anniversary Thank-Offering within the bounds of the Synods that own and control the Mission House, this Thank-Offering to be gathered during the latter part of 1936 and 1937. The Executive Committee took the following action:

The Executive Committee receives with a deep sense of gratitude the announcement of the celebration in 1937 of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Mission House, appreciates the work of its presidents, faculties, and alumni in the interest of the Reformed Church and of the Kingdom of God, and is gratified also with the evidences of its present growth and prosperity.

The Executive Committee recommends, however, that the General Synod call the attention of the President and of the Board of Trustees of the Mission House to the fact that the Board of Home Missions is planning a campaign for the payment of its debt. At least 20,000 members of the "R" group are to be asked to pay \$1.00 per month for ten months, cover-

ing the latter part of the year 1936 and the year 1937. In view of this fact the General Synod urges the authorities of the Mission House to so arrange their contemplated thank-offering for the 75th anniversary as not to interfere with the plans of the Board of Home Missions.

Furthermore, while the General Synod heartily endorses the proposed anniversary and thank-offering and commends the cause of the Mission House to the members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the General Synod does not have authority to grant the right to make a systematic canvass of congregations and therefore refers this matter to the Synods which control the Mission House.

Annuity Agreements

Most of the Boards and many of the institutions of the Church have been writing Annuity Agreements. It has been found during the last few years that the amounts of the annuities returned to the donors have been too high. The Sub-Committee on Annuities of the Committee on Financial and Fiduciary Matters of the Federal Council held a number of conferences on this subject. The conference held on November 20, 1934 was attended by representatives of twenty-one denominations and eighteen other religious, charitable and educational organizations and institutions. The conference adopted a schedule of uniform maximum rates and recorded its conviction that such uniform rates should be adopted by all religious bodies using the annuity plan for securing gifts.

The Executive Committee voted to adopt these maximum rates on a single life and the rates on two lives, and the proviso that Annuity Agreements should never be written on more than two lives. These rates were made known to all of the Boards and institutions of our Church. The Executive Committee recommends that the General Synod adopt these rates and that these be regarded as maximum rates, in no case to be exceeded by any Board, institution or agency of our Church.

The uniform maximum rates on a single life are given below: those on two lives—joint and surviving—are printed in the record of the conference referred to above and may be had from the Executive Committee.

Age	Rate	Age	Rate	Age	Rate	Age	Rate
30	3.0%	43	3.8%	56	5.1%	69	6.1%
31	3.0	44	3.9	57	5.1	70	6.2
32	3.0	45	4.0	58	5.2	71	6.3
33	3.0	46	4.1	59	5.2	72	6.5
34	3.0	47	4.2	60	5.3	73	6.6
35	3.0	48	4.3	61	5.4	74	6.8
36	3.1	49	4.4	62	5.4	75	7.0
37	3.2	50	4.5	63	5.5	76	7.1
38	3.3	51	4.6	64	5.6	77	7.3
39	3.4	52	4.7	65	5.7	78	7.5
40	3.5	53	4.8	66	5.8	79	7.8
41	3.6	54	4.9	67	5.9	80	8.0
42	3.7	55	5.0	68	6.0	and over	8.0

THE CONTINGENT FUND

The Executive Committee was instructed to determine the cost necessary to carry on the work of administration of the Church and to prorate the cost to the respective groups. It arranged that, beginning January 1, 1935, as much as possible of the work be united and paid from a common Contingent Fund. The united budget for 1935 was on the basis of 3½c per member. The Treasurer's report for that year has been printed for the information of the General Synod. The Evangelical budget for administrative purposes in 1935 and in 1936 has been a part of the Synod's Budget. The expenses of the General Synod of the Reformed Church and those of the "R" office of the Executive Committee have constituted a

separate Contingent Fund which has been apportioned to the Classes. For 1935 this was 5c per member, making a total Contingent Fund Apportionment for the Reformed group of 8½c per member. For 1936 a larger portion of the administrative expenses are united, including expenses for this meeting of the General Synod, and the Apportionment is 4½c per member. The additional amount for the "R" expenses is 4c per member, making the total 8½c as in the previous year. A larger sum is needed to actually pay the expenses of the General Synod of the "R" group in 1936, but this is to be defrayed from the balance in the treasury and the payment of the deficits of the Classes on the Contingent Fund Apportionment in former years.

The allowances to the President and First Vice-President, and the salaries of the two Secretaries of the Executive Committee have been paid from the united Contingent Fund. The salary of the Stated Clerk and of the Associate Treasurer of the General Synod have been paid from "R" funds, and the salary of the Treasurer and of the Associate Stated Clerk have been paid from "E" funds. It is proposed that, beginning January 1, 1937, there be only one Contingent Fund to include all of the expenses of both groups. The Executive Committee recommends to the General Synod that, beginning with the fiscal year 1937, there be only one Secretary of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has been considering the Contingent Fund for 1937 and will be prepared to submit that at the time this report is made to the General Synod.

The Executive Committee recommends to the General Synod that only the necessary expenses for the conduct of the business of the General Synod, the Synods, the Classes, and the Districts be assigned to the Contingent Fund. The other items of the Apportionment are to be considered as voluntary benevolence, while the Contingent Fund is a legal obligation which must be met, for the efficient conduct of the work of the Church.

It is the judgment of the Executive Committee that the deficits of the Classes for the Contingent Fund should be paid. This is only fair to the Classes that have paid these apportionments in full. These amounts when paid, and the balances in the Contingent Fund of the General Synod of the Reformed Church can be applied to the "R" share of contingent expenses for 1937 or succeeding years.

BUDGETS

The Executive Committee conferred with representatives of the Boards, institutions and agencies which usually have part in the Budgets of the Church or have requested to be included.

The Boards, institutions and agencies will state their Budgets in their reports to the General Synod but have agreed that all of the Budgets shall be presented to and discussed by the General Synod at the same time.

The Executive Committee recommends that the "E" Budgets which shall be adopted shall be apportioned in the same way as before the union of the two Churches to the "E" group and the "R" Budgets to the "R" group.

The Executive Committee recommends that the amounts adopted as Budgets by the General Synod shall be apportioned to the Church—Districts, Classes and congregations—as Apportionments or Quotas but requests the General Synod to authorize the Boards or institutions of the "R" group and the General Council of the "E" group to fix their spending Budgets.

The Executive Committee recommends that the Budgets shall be as of the calendar year, beginning January 1st and ending December 31st, in the congregations, but the fiscal year of the Boards, institutions and agencies shall begin February 1st and end January 31st.

The Executive Committee recommends that the General Synod adopt the following annual Budgets:

	"E" group	"R" group
Home Missions	\$111,694.00	\$350,000.00
Extension Fund	33,600.00	
Foreign Missions	175,000.00	350,000.00
Christian Education		
Religious Education \$28,740.10		
Evangelical League 4,550.00		
	33,290.10	48,165.60
Pensions and Relief (Ministerial Relief)	88,900.00	80,137.20
Elmhurst College	75,000.00	
Eden Theological Seminary	46,975.00	
Churchmen's Brotherhood	2,500.00	2,500.00
Women's Union	2,190.00	
	\$569.149.10	\$830.802.80

In reference to the appeal of Catawba College for \$10,000 to be put in the Budget of the General Synod, the Executive Committee recommends to the General Synod that that amount of money be referred for apportionment to the Synods and Classes which have control of Catawba College. While the Executive Committee is not unmindful of the fact that the General Synod of the Reformed Church at Hickory in 1923 passed an action asking the Church at large to aid Catawba College, such action, however, was extraordinary and was taken because the College was in dire need. The General Synod at present does not have authority over educational institutions and therefore commends them for support to the respective Synods to which they belong.

The Executive Committee refers the following resolution to the General Synod: The Board of Christian Education respectfully requests that if, in any case, the General Synod decides to ask for an Apportionment for any agency or institution of the Church which is not under the control of the General Synod, the General Synod itself should act as the distributing agency for such cause or institution and not add the Apportionment for such purpose to the amount apportioned to a Board of the General Synod.

The Executive Committee recommends to the General Synod that it commend the support of the American Bible Society to the liberality of congregations and individuals.

A CALL TO THE CHURCH

The Executive Committee recommends that the General Synod adopt the following or some similar message to the Church:

A Clarion Call to the Church

From the General Synod of Ft. Wayne

Our Divine Master is summoning us to study anew the will of God and the needs of mankind. Statistics are crying aloud that Protestantism is on the down-grade, and an appalling inertia and indifference palsies many of those who have taken vows to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Two-thirds of the pews of our American Churches are empty. To save the Church, more of our laymen must go to church. We are told by statisticians that the Sunday schools have been losing their appeal even faster than adult worship, and 80 per cent of all the dwindling gifts to the Church come from men and women over 50 years of age. In the presence of such conditions of apathy and spiritual peril, what is to be the message of the Evangelical and Reformed Church?

We have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this. The world in which we live is morally sick and in desperate spiritual need. Never in all history were the forces of irreligion more aggressive or better organized.

We are face to face with a deadening secularism and a ruthless nationalism. Tens of thousands of the youth of the nations are marching under the banners of dictators with an enthusiasm that knows no bounds and a willingness to lay down their lives for ideals that are distinctly contrary to a Christian philosophy of life. Far more than we realize all of us, pastors and people, have been infected by the spirit of the age, and we must confess that we have yielded too easily to a spirit of surrender and abject defeatism. This is no time to take counsel of our doubts and fears; it is the hour to show to a bewildered but needy world our faith, hope and love. We are here as the representatives of the risen and victorious Christ, and we dare not play Him false.

Unitedly we can and must do more than we could have done separately. There must be no note of retreat. A single backward step ought to be unthinkable. But that is not enough. We must unite in fervent prayer, that our God will deliver us from the willingness to stand still and "mark time" in these days so freighted with destiny; that would be unworthy, even disgraceful. There is but one thing to do. With the enemies of our Lord attacking on all sides, we will be false to Christ if we do not "march breast-forward, never doubting clouds will break." No cowardly or faltering Church can serve Him in such an hour. Instead of the craven desire to do the least that we can do, we must determine the needs which summon our loyalty and devotion, and then rise to meet those needs, no matter what the cost. It can be accomplished only if we marshal the spiritual resources of our great Church, so rich in its heritage of piety and martyrdom. The call is to a spiritual revival in the lives of our pastors and people, a restoration of our family altars, a new devotion to the study of God's Word, a greatly increased attendance at the services of the sanctuary, the practice of the teachings of Jesus in all our social relationships. Only then shall all the causes of our beloved Zion prosper, and God's will be done through the Evangelical and Reformed Church, both at home and abroad. The Master is come and is calling for us. God forbid that we should fail to hear and heed that call!

Respectfully submitted.

The Executive Committee of the General Synod
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Awake, O Church United!

Awake, O Church united,
Behold your new-born day!
Full-clad in God's own armor,
Go forth to fight and pray.
Against the Church of Jesus,
'Gainst nations bleeding sore,
The legion hosts of Satan
Are set in world-wide war.

Awake, O Church united!
Redemption's day has come;
Today the hard-fought battle,
Tomorrow comes the song.
Let prayer and intercession
Like holy incense rise,
While new-born consecration
Unites in sacrifice.

Awake, O Church united!
Like one great army go,
Let every line and sector
Full-armored face the foe.
Hold high the Cross of Jesus,
Rich days of service bring;
'Till all the world shall worship
The Christ, our Lord and King.

-Ambrose M. Schmidt, D.D.

Tune, Webb.

Actions of the General Synod on the Foregoing Report

Under Matters Referred by the General Synod:

Reference II, the General Synod authorized the appointment of a Commission on Closer Relations and Church Union to consist of 12 members with due recognition of pastors and elders.

Reference III, World Calendar, was referred back to the Executive

Committee for further study and recommendation.

Reference V, Militarism, etc., was referred to the Committee on Christianity and Social Problems. See Report of said Committee.

Reference VI, The Federal Council of Churches. The General Synod voted to continue its relation with the Federal Council.

Reference VIII, Unification of Men's Organizations, was referred

to the Committee on Auxiliary Organizations.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee to refer the entire matter of the Central Publishing House to a Special Committee to report at this meeting of the General Synod, which recommendation, closes the section headed Unification of Agencies and Activities, was adopted. See Report of this Special Committee.

Under the heading World Conference on Faith and Order and Universal Christian Council for Life and Work the recommendation of the Executive Committee, that the representatives named be officially appointed and that \$150.00 be paid toward the expenses of each of

those who attend, was adopted by the General Synod.

With reference to the number of copies of the Minutes of this General Synod to be printed it was decided, after a general discussion, that

6500 copies be printed and distributed.

The General Synod voted to approve the action of the Executive Committee in providing new Statistical Forms prior to this meeting of the General Synod. Under the heading Statistics the recommendation of the Executive Committee authorizing it to gather the criticisms, study them, and make decisions as to what changes shall be made for the next two years, was adopted.

Its second recommendation, that the Statistics for the year 1935 be published as a separate volume and include the material on pages one and two of the Statistical Blank, which is the same as A and B

of the printed summary, was likewise adopted.

Under the heading Evangelism and the Spiritual Life, the recommendation of the Executive Committee with reference to the last five

paragraphs was adopted.

By special action the name of Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer was substituted for that of Dr. H. J. Christman to serve on the Committee on Evangelism and the Spiritual Life and the appointment of the members of this Committee as recommended in the closing paragraph, with this substitution, was confirmed by the General Synod.

Under the heading, Christian Stewardship, the recommendation that the General Synod approve the Basis of Christian Stewardship

there listed under four principles, was adopted.

Under the heading, Correlation and Promotion, special attention was called to the contents of the second and fourth paragraphs. The action of the Executive Committee in creating the Kingdom Service Committee to take the place of the former Missionary and Stewardship Committee was approved. The General Synod also voted that another Conference of the Kingdom Service Committees be held in Pittsburgh in September, 1936.

Under the heading, Special Days, the recommendation of the Executive Committee was approved with the exception of the one pertaining to Ministerial Relief which the General Synod by special action referred to the Committee on Pensions and Relief. See Report of

said Committee.

Under the heading, The Mission House, the three recommendations

were approved.

Under the heading, Annuity Agreements, the recommendation that the General Synod adopt the rates as listed and that they be regarded as maximum rates, in no case to be exceeded by any Board, institution or agency of our Church, was approved.

Under the heading, The Contingent Fund, the recommendation that, beginning with the fiscal year 1937, there be only one Secretary of the Executive Committee, was referred back to the Executive Com-

mittee with power.

The second recommendation in italics under the same heading together with the following request from the "White Book": "The Executive Committee requests the General Synod to declare that Contingent Funds are not benevolence but part of the congregational expenses, necessary for the conduct of the Church," and a reference from the Committee on Overtures on the same subject were referred to a Special Committee to make report to this General Synod.

This Committee reported on Wednesday morning. The Report was

forthwith adopted, and is as follows:

Report of the Special Committee on Contingent Fund

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Special Committee on Contingent Fund having duly considered the suggestions at the top of page 18 in the Blue Book and the additional resolution at the top of page 16 in the White Book, begs leave to define the Contingent Funds as follows:

A. For the General Synod

- 1. The salaries of the officers and the expenses incidental to the operation of their respective offices.
 - 2. Expenses involved in holding the meeting of the judicatory.

3. Expenses of the Committees of General Synod.

- 4. Printing of minutes and official documents.
- 5. Denominational quota to the Federal Council of Churches.
- 6. Such items of expense as the officers deem necessary.

B. For the Synods, Classes and Districts

1. Remuneration of officers and the expenses incidental to the operation of their respective offices.

- 2. Expenses involved in holding the meetings of these judicatories.
- 3. Expenses of the Committees of these judicatories.
- 4. Printing of minutes and official documents.
- The expenses of delegates to the General Synod.
- 6. Such items of expense as the officers of these judicatories deem nec-

In light of the above interpretation, Contingent Funds are not benevolence but expenses that are absolutely necessary for the conduct of the Church. To differentiate them from the other local congregational expenses and at the same time to impress upon us the need for meeting these obligations in full, we recommend to the General Synod that they appear upon our statistical blanks as a separate item known as the Contingent Funds.

Respectfully,

Ralph S. Weiler John C. Brumbach C. P. Rice Arno A. Zimmermann Otto W. Breuhaus Robt. Wendt

The General Synod also voted that all the officers of the lower judicatories be informed of this action requesting them not to overload the Contingent Fund.

It further voted to make another request to the Eastern and the Potomac Synods to pay their Contingent Fund deficits to 1929; but that any amounts not paid by December 31, 1937, be cancelled.

Under the heading "A Call to the Church" the General Synod on Thursday afternoon, June 11, approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee and adopted "A Clarion Call to the Church" as its message.

The General Synod then rose and united to sing Dr. Ambrose M. Schmidt's hymn, "Awake, O Church United!" Advised that on the day following the author would be celebrating his 79th birthday, a telegram bearing the greetings and congratulations of the General Synod, was authorized to be sent to him.

The Report of the Executive Committee under the heading Budgets was presented on Wednesday morning, June 17th. Recommendations 1-3 in italics were adopted. The Budgets, as listed for the "R" Group, with the proviso that the apportionments for Home Missions and for Foreign Missions shall each be \$1.00, for Christian Education 14c, and for Ministerial Relief 23c per communicant member, were adopted.

The recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod of North America, that its Budget be set at \$650,000, for allocation to its Boards and agencies listed and to take care of the expenses incidental to the business of the Evangelical Synod, was likewise adopted.

Later in the day the following resolutions were presented by the

Executive Committee and adopted seriatim:

1. That the Executive Committee include in the Budget for Contingent expenses for the year 1937 and the year 1938 all of the items authorized by the General Synod and determine the amounts needed

for the other items which have hitherto been included in the Contingent Fund, and fix the amount of the Contingent Apportionment for each of these two years, with the understanding, however, that it shall not exceed 8c per member in either year.

2. That the Executive Committee be made responsible for the preparation, collection and administration of the Contingent Fund

Budget.

3. That the amount received on the Apportionment Fund from the Districts be paid to Treasurer Keck and the Apportionment from the Classes be paid to Treasurer Warner and both paid into the treasury of the General Synod.

4. That the salaries of the Stated Clerk and the Associate Treasurer of the General Synod be paid from the "R" part of the Contingent Fund and the salaries of the Associate Stated Clerk and the Treasurer

of the General Synod be paid from "E" funds.

5. That the balance in the Contingent Fund of the "R" group, including the balance in the closed bank and the amounts that may be collected by the Executive Committee on the deficits to December 31, 1935, be used to pay the salary of the Stated Clerk and his assistant and office expenses and other distinctively "R" items until the next meeting of the General Synod. If these amounts should not be sufficient, the Executive Committee shall provide whatever additional amount may be needed for these purposes.

6. That the request of Eureka Classis for a reduction of \$335.85 on its deficit on the Contingent Fund to December 31, 1935, be granted. This exception is made by reason of crop failures and other

losses of the last few years.

7. The following resolution on the method of laying the Apportionment or quota other than on the per capita basis was offered by Dr. Allan S. Meck on Wednesday morning and referred to the Executive Committee for study:

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee make a study of the method of laying the apportionment or quota, including factors other

than the per capita basis.

In connection with the consideration of *Budgets* the Report of the Special Committee on Catawba College, to which its appeal had been previously referred, was read and adopted seriatim, as follows:

Special Committee on Catawba College

Your committee appointed to consider the overture from the Board of Trustees of Catawba College submits the following report. There has been

referred to your committee the following overture:

"The Trustees of Catawba College respectfully overtures the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to grant to Catawba College for the ensuing biennium an annual appropriation of \$10,000.00, which represents the minimum amount necessary for the maintenance of the college as a first grade institution in every way."

Your committee has given serious and careful consideration to this overture, making special note of reasons given for same on pages 16 and 17

of the "White Book." In addition to this, representatives and other friends of the Institution appeared before your committee stating additional facts.

On the basis of reasons given in the "White Book" and facts gathered from representatives of Catawba Colege and "in view of the value of Catawba College to the Evangelical and Reformed Church, not only because of the large amount of money invested, but also because of the opportunity the college affords to hundreds of young people every year to obtain a high grade college education under wholesome auspices at reasonable cost, and because of the enviable reputation which the college has built up among the universities and professional schools of the country," and also because of the high religious and Christian standard of the Institution, your committee makes the following recommendations:

We recommend that the request of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College for an annual appropriation of \$10,000.00 for the ensuing biennium

be granted.

However, in case the endowment of the Institution should be increased during this period that the income from said additional increase be deducted from this appropriation.

We recommend that this amount be referred to the Executive Com-

mittee for apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter W. Rowe Atville Conner E. C. Grauer Louis C. F. Miller Christian T. Martin Tillman K. Saylor

The recommendation of the Executive Committee with reference to the support of the American Bible Society was then adopted.

At this time the General Synod also voted to continue the amounts annually appropriated for the Federal Council of Churches, viz: \$3,000 from the "R" Group and \$1,800 from the "E" Group.

The annual appropriation of \$600.00 for the Alliance of Reformed Churches was referred to the "R" Group.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 16th, in response to the request of the Executive Committee, \$100 annually to the World Conference on Faith and Order, and \$200 to the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work were voted for the support of these co-operative agencies of the Church.

The Report of the Executive Committee was completed and adopted as a whole just prior to the close of the final session of the General Synod on Wednesday afternoon.

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Constitution and Charter

The Report of the Committee on Constitution and Charter was presented to the General Synod in booklet form on Thursday afternoon. Following an extended discussion the General Synod finally voted to change the previously adopted *Order of Business* and to begin its consideration of the printed and distributed draft of the Constitution and By-Laws on Friday morning.

The report of the Committee is as follows: DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The Committee on Constitution and Charter begs leave to present the

following report:

The Committee held five meetings in Cleveland, Ohio, on the following dates: October 25, 1934, February 28 and March 1, 1935, June 25-26, 1935, November 20-21, 1935, and May 26-27, 1936. At its first meeting it organized by electing Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Chairman, Dr. F. Frankenfeld, Vice-Chairman, and Dr. William E. Lampe, Secretary. After some discussion on the nature and character, the arrangement and general contents of the proposed new Constitution, the Committee resolved itself into the following five sub-committees to deal specifically with the various sections:

1. Charter, Constitution and By-Laws.

- Membership, Congregations and Congregational Judicatories.
 Organization and Administration—Denominational Judicatories.
- Preamble, Doctrine and Worship.
 Discipline and Judicial Procedure.

These sub-committees held many meetings and at various times reported to the general Committee on the progress of the work assigned them. All these reports were carefully scrutinized, revised and referred back with suggestions for restudy and restatement.

The problems which confronted the Committee were numerous and difficult. The difference in form of organization under which the former two denominations had been operating made it impossible to take over either the one or the other of their Constitutions. Conditions therefore required the preparation of a new instrument which might meet the requirements of the merged Church in the present day and generation. The Committee, however, sought to conserve such elements in the Constitutions and By-laws of the former bodies as were deemed vital and fundamental to the union. At all times it had due regard for the terms stipulated in the Plan of Union. It studied not only the organic law of each of the constituent Churches prior to the union, but also the Constitutions of many other communions, especialy of those which in more recent years had gone through a similar process of uniting, in order that it might profit by their experience.

The Committee confined the Constitution proper to what it regarded as fundamental and basic in the organic law of the Church and assigned to the By-laws the details of organization and methods of procedure. The reason for this is obvious and the Committee believes this will commend itself to the Church.

The Committee earnestly desired to formulate an instrument which would embody the best judgment of the various Boards, agencies and institutions of the two bodies and meet their requirements. Consequently it held conferences with their representatives and secured from them expressions as to how these agencies should be set up and how be related to the General Synod so as to assure their greatest efficiency. In most cases these suggestions were followed in the main.

After a tentative draft had been prepared it was submitted last January to the Districts and Classes for their criticisms and suggestions. A representative of the Committee personally appeared before these bodies, with but few exceptions, and furnished such explanations and interpreta-

itons as were requested.

Criticisms and suggestions were received from every one of the Districts and from nearly all of the Classes. The Committee also received suggestions from individuals and from groups of individuals. All these were carefuly noted and studied not only by the respective sub-committees, but also by the entire Committee. The Committee offered no defense and presented no argument against any adverse criticisms.

At its final meeting, May 26-27, the Committee reviewed its work and, in the light of the criticisms and suggestions received, revised the entire document in order that it might more adequately meet the desire and need

of the entire Church.

The name of the Church was carefully considered by the Committee. Because of numerous suggestions and criticisms which have been expressed through Classes and Districts, the Committee in this final draft has eliminated the entire section in the tentative draft which dealt with Areas. However, the Committee feels that the grouping of Synods into Areas should be given serious consideration and recommends to the General Synod the appointment of a special committee for further study of this important matter.

The Committee further recommends that, inasmuch as the Constitution is based upon the division into Synods, the General Synod adopt the general plan of the division of the Church into Synods, as submitted by the Committee on Constitution, and appoint a committee to make necessary adjustments, in conference with the respective Districts and Classes, in order to expedite the union of the Districts and Classes.

In presenting herewith the completed product of its labors to the General Synod for definite action, the Committee takes pleasure in informing the General Synod of the fine spirit of harmony and good-will which uniformly prevailed among its members while they were wrestling with many delicate and difficult problems on which there was room for differences of opinion; and it further ventures to express the hope that the General Synod and the ministers and members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will manifest the same sympathetic and conciliatory spirit in accepting and adopting this instrument in order that the union, so auspiciously begun, may steadily and satisfactorily advance.

Respectfully submitted,

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The draft of the Constitution and By-Laws was considered deliberately and action taken section by section at intervals during the successive sessions on Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday. All amendments, revisions and changes deemed necessary to meet the desires of the entire Church were carefully made. After all the corrections and revisions had been completed, the General Synod, at 3:30 p. m. on Tuesday, June 16th, voted on the adoption of the Constitution and the President declared it adopted by the required 3/3 vote of the delegates. The By-Laws, in accordance with an earlier action of the General Synod, were then likewise presented in their revised entirety and declared adopted by the required 3/3 vote. The General Synod gave its unanimous rising vote of appreciation to the Committee on Constitution and united to sing: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." In behalf of the Committee, Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Chairman, and Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld, Vice-Chairman, then gratefully addressed the General Synod.

By special actions the Committee on Constitution and Charter was continued and given editorial power for correcting grammatical errors in drafting the final revision of the Constitution and By-Laws. The recommendations contained in the paragraphs of the report dealing with Areas and the division of the Church into Synods were adopted and referred to the Committee.

On Wednesday morning the following resolution, presented by Rev. Purd E. Deitz, was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by the General Synod and now submitted to the Districts and Classes for their approval or rejection, if approved by two-thirds of the Districts and two-thirds of the Classes, shall be declared, at the next session of the General Synod, adopted and in effect for the Church.

The draft of the Constitution and By-Laws as finally amended, revised and referred to the Districts and Classes reads as follows:

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church

The Constitution

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PREAMBLE

1 For the maintenance of truth and order in the proclamation of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the advancement of the Kingdom of God in accordance with the Word of God, the Evangelical and Reformed Church, formed by the union of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States, ordains this constitution to be its fundamental law and declares the same to have authority over all its ministers, members, congregations, and judicatories.

Part I.

NAME

2 The name of the body organized under this constitution is EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH.

DOCTRINE

3 The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are recognized as the Word of God and the ultimate rule of Christian faith and practice.

The doctrinal standards of the Evangelical and Reformed Church are the Heidelberg Catechism, Luther's Catechism and the Augsburg Confession. They are accepted as an authoritative interpretation of the essential truth taught in the Holy Scriptures.

Wherever these doctrinal standards differ, ministers, members and congregations, in accordance with the liberty of conscience inherent in the gospel, are allowed to adhere to the interpretation of one of these confessions. However, in each case the final norm is the Word of God.

In its relation to other Christian communions the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall constantly endeavor to promote the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

WORSHIP

4 Congregations are allowed freedom of worship. The forms and order of worship that are set forth in the Book of Worship and in the hymnal approved by the General Synod shall be followed as accepted norms.

The Lord's Day and the festivals and seasons of the Church year shall be observed with appropriate services in the House of God.

SACRAMENTS

The sacraments of the Church, instituted by Christ, are Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

RITES

The rites of the Church are confirmation, ordination, consecration, marriage and burial.

Part II.

Congregations and Members

ARTICLE I.

CONGREGATIONS AND CHARGES

A congregation of the Evangelical and Reformed Church is a body of Christians accepting the standards of faith and doctrine prescribed in the constitution of the Church and organized and governed in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and by-laws.

A charge consists of one or more congregations constituting a pastorate.

a. Persons who desire to be organized as a congregation shall submit a petition to the Synod in the form prescribed by the General Synod.

b. If the Synod approves the petition, it shall superintend the organization of the congregation.

c. A congregation, whether independent or belonging to another denomination, upon petition to the Synod, may be admitted into the Evangelical and Reformed Church by the Synod, provided said congregation complies with the requirements of the Church.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS

- 8 a. Baptized persons are members of the Church. Persons received into full communion with the Church by confirmation, profession of faith or letter of transfer shall be communicant members. Persons baptized but not communicant members shall be enrolled as unconfirmed members. Baptized members shall be instructed in the Christian way of life and the standards of faith and doctrine of the Church.
- b. Members of the Church shall live sober, righteous and godly lives and labor faithfully to bring others to Christ. They shall take an active part in the life and work of the Church. This shall include regular attendance at divine worship; devout use of the Holy Sacraments; diligent observance of private devotions; liberal financial and moral support toward her maintenance and her benevolent undertakings; obedience to her established law and authorities; untiring zeal in bringing the unchurched under her influence; and sincere endeavor to apply the teachings of Jesus to all human relationships. Parents shall provide adequate Christian training for their entire household.
- 10 c. Communicant members in good and regular standing shall have the right to voice and vote in their respective congregations, and also to represent the congregation or charge on the consistory or church council or other judicatories of the Church, subject to the constitution and by-laws of the congregation.
- d. Members who have permanently changed their residences shall be urged by their pastors to obtain letters of transfer and, as soon as possible, shall unite with another congregation.
- 12 e. Members guilty of misconduct, which brings reproach upon the Church, shall be disciplined in accordance with the rules of discipline.

Part III.

OFFICES

Ministers, Teachers of Theology, Commissioned Workers, Elders and Deacons

ARTICLE I.

MINISTERS

3 A minister is a member of the Church, called by Christ to the ministry of the Word, ordained and consecrated by prayer and the laying on of hands to preach the gospel, to exercise pastoral over-

sight and to administer the holy sacraments.

A minister whose membership in the Church has been duly and legally established shall have the following rights: of voice and vote in his Synod; of eligibility to any church office, under such limitations as are provided for the respective offices, and to become a delegate to the General Synod; to share in the benefits of the church pension system, provided he has fulfilled his obligations to it.

A minister shall devote his time and his talents to the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth, either in the ministry of a congregation or of the general work of the Church. He shall cooperate in the work of the Church at large and shall fulfill such duties as the Synod or the General Synod may require of him. He shall be a member of the Church Pension Fund. He shall avoid any unrelated avocation that would dissipate his efficiency as a minister.

A minister shall hold as a "privileged communication" any confidence or information of a confessional nature given him in the course of his pastoral offices.

ARTICLE II.

TEACHERS OF THEOLOGY

14 A teacher of theology is a minister who is chosen to be a professor in a theological seminary of the Church.

He shall be elected by the Board or Boards of a seminary according to the requirements of its charter. His election shall be confirmed by the General Synod. He shall be inaugurated according to the prescribed form in the Book of Worship.

ARTICLE III.

COMMISSIONED WORKERS

15 A commissioned worker is a member of the Church who is called, trained and consecrated for specific full-time service in the Church.

ARTICLE IV.

ELDERS

An elder is a member of the Church chosen by the congregation and ordained or consecrated to his office, to assist and support the pastor in the spiritual affairs of the Church. An elder shall take heed to himself that he may be an example unto others, watch faithfully over the spiritual interests of the congregation, maintain order in the house of God, aid in visiting the sick, and minister according to his ability to the edification and comfort of all the members.

ARTICLE V.

DEACONS

17 A deacon is a member of the Church chosen by the congregation and ordained or consecrated to his office, to aid in securing the funds necessary for the support of the Church in its various activities, to foster the principles of stewardship, and to dispense the charity of the church.

Part IV.

Congregational Judicatories

18 Each congregation shall have a consistory or church council and a spiritual council.

A. THE CONSISTORY OR CHURCH COUNCIL

a. The consistory or church council is composed of the pastor or pastors and the elders and deacons, and has jurisdiction and oversight of the congregation and all its organizations. A joint consistory or church council is composed of the judicatories of the congregations constituting a pastoral charge. In all cases, unless there are legal difficulties, the consistory or church council shall in the charter be constituted the trustees of the congregation.

20 b. The consistory or church council, or the joint consistory or church council, shall elect annually delegates and alternates, to represent the charge in the Synod, unless otherwise provided in the constitution of the congregation.

B. THE SPIRITUAL COUNCIL

The spiritual council consists of the pastor or pastors and the acting elders of the congregation. It has original jurisdiction in matters of discipline except in the case of the pastor. It shall provide the elements for the Lord's Supper and, when requested by the pastor, aid in their distribution. It shall admit members into full communion and upon request issue letters of transfer to members in good and regular standing, and exclude those who may err in the faith or offend in morals, unless otherwise provided in the constitution of the congregation.

Part V.

Denominational Judicatories

General Principles

- 22 The Evangelical and Reformed Church consists of ministers and of lay members organized into congregations which constitute Synods; the Synods, through elected delegates, constitute the General Synod.
- 23 A judicatory has only such authority and powers as are committed to it by the body which creates it.
- Officers, boards, councils, commissions, and committees are limited in action by the authority and power vested in them by the judicatory or body that elects or appoints them.
- Officers, boards, councils, commissions and committees of the General Synod are amenable to the General Synod, and all departments or activities to the agencies that created them.
- The auxiliary organizations shall conduct their activities in accord with the general policy and program of the Church and shall report regularly concerning their work to the General Synod.

A. The Synod

ARTICLE I.

27 A Synod shall be composed of all the ministers and one delegate from every charge within a designated territory.

One-third of the accredited members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SYNOD

- 28 The Synod shall have legislative, administrative and judicial functions.
- The functions of the Synod shall be the issuance of instructions; the adoption of resolutions; the election of officers and election or appointment of committees; the examination, licensure and ordination of candidates for the ministry; the consecration of commissioned workers for Kingdom service; the admission and dismissal of ministers, and congregations. It shall have jurisdiction over its ministers and congregations. It may petition and bring overtures to the General Synod, the General Council or the Officers of the Church.
- 30 The administration of the affairs of the Synod is committed to its officers, council and such other agencies as shall be provided in the by-laws.
 - a. Synodical Officers. The officers of the Synod shall be president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The manner of their election, their terms of office and their rights and duties shall be defined in the by-laws.
 - b. Synodical Council. The Synodical Council shall consist of the officers of the Synod and one lay member. The manner of their election, their terms of office and their rights and duties shall be defined in the by-laws.
- 31 Discipline and judicial procedure shall be defined in the by-laws.

B. The General Synod

ARTICLE I.

32 The General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church represents the whole Church, and shall consist of the delegates elected by the Synods, and the Officers of the Church. Each

Synod shall be represented by at least one minister and one lay member. However, Synods having more than 20 charges shall be represented by an additional minister and lay member for every additional 20 charges or major fraction thereof.

The following delegates at large shall be members of the General Synod and shall have voice but no vote unless elected by

their Synods:

The chairmen and executive secretaries of the administrative Boards, of the commissions, of the men's and women's national organizations and of the young people's department. The presidents of the theological seminaries.

The editors of the Church papers of the General Synod.

One-third of the accredited delegates, representing a majority of the Synods, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH

33 The Evangelical and Reformed Church enacts its legislation through the General Synod. The following powers and privileges

are reserved to the General Synod:

a. The adoption of the constitution, the adoption of catechisms, books of worship and hymnals after these ordinances have been approved by a two-thirds vote of the Synods, the adoption of bylaws, the supervision of the editing of the Church papers and of all publications in which the doctrinal position and polity of the Evangelical and Reformed Church are expressed.

b. The determination of the relationship, as well as the official representation of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in its

association, with other Churches and religious organizations.

c. The supervision of theological education.

d. The establishment or dissolution of Boards of administration.

e. The division of the territory of the General Synod into Synods, the establishment of new Synods, or the abrogation of existing Synods.

f. The regulation of its judicial procedure.

34. The General Synod shall also exercise such other powers as are not vested in other judicatories of the Church, including the issuance of instructions, the adoption of resolutions, and the enactment

- of laws; the review of the proceedings of the Synods; the election of officers of the Church and of the General Synod, and of members of administrative Boards and commissions.
- 35 The affairs of the Evangelical and Reformed Church are administered by the General Synod through the Officers of the Church, the General Council, the Boards and other agencies.
- 36 a. The Officers. The Officers of the Church shall be President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be amenable to the General Synod.
- b. The General Council. The membership of the General Council, personnel, manner of election, rights and duties shall be defined in the by-laws. It shall be amenable to the General Synod.
- 38 c. The Boards. The Boards shall be administrative and promotional agencies entrusted with the management of specific work. They shall be created by the General Synod, to which they are amenable. Their number, personnel, manner of election and their rights and duties shall be defined in the by-laws.
- 39 Discipline and judicial procedure shall be defined in the by-laws.

INCORPORATION

- 40 a. The EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH shall be incorporated.
 - b. The General Synod shall have power to determine the place of incorporation and the terms and provisions of the Articles of Incorporation.

AMENDMENTS

Constitution

41 This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the General Synod with the subsequent approval of two-thirds of the Synods. If approved, the General Synod at its next meeting shall declare the amendment adopted and in effect.

By-Laws

The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the General Synod upon petition of not less than four Synods.

The By-Laws

Part I.

Sacraments and Rites

SACRAMENTS

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- a. The baptism of infants and adults shall be administered publicly in the House of God if possible. The forms provided by the Book of Worship of the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall be used.
- b. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be observed regularly in every congregation, according to the order of the Book of Worship of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. A service should be held preparatory to it.
- 3 c. Members of other denominations should be invited to participate. In the congregational records the dates on which the holy communion has been administered and the names of the members who have communed shall be recorded.

RITES

- 4 a. Confirmation, ordination, consecration, marriage and burial should be conducted according to the order of the Book of Worship of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.
- b. The rite of confirmation admits persons into communicant membership. Before admitting applicants for confirmation into full communion with the Church, the spiritual council shall be satisfied that the candidates understand the fundamental truths of the Christian religion and are governed by them in their life and conduct.
- 6 c. In the act of ordination or consecration, only ordained ministers shall officiate.
- 7 d. Marriage is an ordinance of God and shall be solemnized in accordance with the laws of the Church as well as of the State.

8 e. Christian burial is a religious rite that should be conducted in accordance with the customs and usages of the Church.

Part II.

Congregations

- 9 a. A congregation shall adopt its own constitution and by-laws, which shall be in general accord with the form of constitution prescribed by the General Synod.
- b. Whenever a congregation desires to become an incorporated body, a draft of the proposed Articles of Incorporation and the constitution of the congregation shall be submitted to the Synod, or to the Synodical Council, for approval before the charter is presented to the civil authorities. A charter shall not be approved that does not bind the congregation to be an organic member of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and to be governed by its constitution and by-laws. In the charter the consistory or church council shall be constituted the trustees of the congregation.
- 11 c. The official year of the congregation shall be from January 1 to December 31, inclusive.
- d. Each congregation shall hold an annual meeting. Special meetings shall be called by the consistory or church council according to the provisions of the constitution of the congregation. Upon the written request of one-tenth of the communicant members, the consistory or church council shall issue a call for such a meeting within two weeks after the request has been received. Proper notice shall be given of the time, place and purpose of a special congregational meeting. A full and accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings shall be kept.
- e. The property of the congregation, whether real or personal, and all monies and legacies, shall be under the care of the trustees, or those designated by the congregational charter, who shall hold the property as a sacred trust for the congregation and keep the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation in proper repair and adapted for uses it approves. The purchasing or selling of property, the borrowing of money which encumbers the property of the church and the remodeling and erection of buildings shall conform to the respective state laws and be determined

only by a majority vote of the members assembled at duly-convened congregational or corporate meetings and entitled to vote thereon, or as provided by the local constitution and by-laws.

- 14 f. The common interests of two or more congregations united in one pastoral charge shall be committed to a joint consistory or church council composed of the members of the consistories or church councils of the congregations included in a charge. Property interests of such a charge shall be committed to a joint board of trustees in cases where the joint consistory or church council does not comprise the joint board of trustees. A congregation shall not withdraw from such a charge without the permission of the Synod.
- g. On the dissolution of a congregation, the Synod with which it was connected shall have jurisdiction over its members and transfer them to the congregations which they may select. The official character of the elders and deacons and trustees shall immediately cease. The Synod shall also have charge and control of the property of said dissolved congregation. The Synod shall determine any case of discipline begun by the spiritual council and not completed.
- h. If a congregation or a Synod withdraws from the jurisdiction of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the property of said congregation or Synod shall revert to the charge and control of the judicatory immediately above, in the case of a congregation to the Synod, and of a Synod to the General Synod. This paragraph shall not apply, however, to congregations which were not on June 26, 1934, subject to or governed by laws regularly enacted and then in force, providing for such reversion of congregational property, nor shall this paragraph apply to congregations associated with the Church only through their pastors, if such congregations become members of the Church within ten years after the adoption of the constitution.
- 17 i. Each congregation should have a cabinet, consisting of the consistory or church council and the presidents or duly selected representatives of the various church organizations, to coordinate and promote the entire program of the Church.
- j. The congregation or charge shall pay the pro-rated expenses of the pastor or pastors and delegate or delegates to all meetings of the Synod. Each organization shall pay the expenses of its delegate or delegates to the fall meeting.

Part III.

Ministers and Commissioned Workers

ARTICLE I.

THE OFFICE OF MINISTER

19 The authority for licensure, ordination, consecration and installation is vested in the Synod.

1. Students for the Ministry

- 20 a. A student for the ministry is a member of the Church who believes himself called to become a minister of Christ, and enters upon a course of study to prepare himself for that office.
- 21 b. A student for the ministry shall be under the care of the Synod to which the congregation, of which he is a member, belongs. The Board of Examiners of the Synod shall examine him as to his physical, mental, moral and spiritual fitness and, if he is found satisfactory, shall supervise his studies and his preparation. He shall pursue his studies in one of the theological seminaries of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, or in some other accredited seminary, with the approval of the Board of Examiners of the Synod. Beneficiary aid shall be granted to students for the ministry only upon the recommendation of the Board of Examiners to the proper organization granting such aid.
- 22 c. A student for the ministry shall report to the Board of Examiners of the Synod as to his progress and shall appear before such Board when requested to do so.
- 23 d. A student for the ministry shall not accept a call to a pastorate, nor shall a congregation or charge nominate or elect a student for the ministry to become its pastor.

2. Licentiates

- a. A licentiate is a member of the Church who, having completed a prescribed course of theological training, and having passed a satisfactory examination before the Board of Examiners, shall be authorized to preach the gospel and to serve as a temporary supply, but not to administer the sacraments and the rites.
- 25 b. The Board of Examiners of the Synod shall examine a candidate as to his general fitness, his reasons for seeking the

- office of the Christian ministry, his theological attainments, his native ability, as well as his Christian faith and life. A diploma of one of the seminaries of the Evangelical and Reformed Church may be accepted by the Board of Examiners as satisfactory evidence of fulfillment of the necessary requirements for the ministry.
- c. An application for licensure shall be made to the president of the Synod who shall refer it to the Board of Examiners of the Synod, which shall report to the Synod. The applicant shall then read and subscribe the formula prepared by the General Synod in which he is pledged to the doctrinal standards of the Church. Upon recommendation of a two-thirds vote of the Synod, or by unanimous vote of both the Board of Examiners and the Synodical Council, the certificate of licensure shall be signed by the president of the Synod and the President of the Church.
- d. A licentiate remains under the jurisdiction of the Synod, and the Synod's Placement Committee shall endeavor to locate him in a vacant charge either within its own bounds or through transfer to another Synod.

3. Applicants for Temporary License

28 In special cases a temporary license for one year periods or less may be granted by the president of the Synod with the approval of the President of the Church authorizing the applicant to preach the gospel, and to administer the sacraments and rites of the Church.

4. Applicants for Ordination

- 29 a. An applicant for ordination must be at least twenty-one years of age. He may be ordained in his home congregation if he so desires. The president of the Synod, in conference with the applicant, shall appoint a committee to ordain him.
- 30 b. An applicant for ordination who has not been under the care of a Synod or its Board of Examiners must be licensed for at least one year before he can be ordained.
- 31 c. Ordination shall be administered according to the prescribed form in the Book of Worship of the Church.
- 32 d. Ordination shall usually be dependent upon a call from a charge, but, with the approval of the President of the Church, a Synod may ordain applicants when, in the judgment of the Board

- of Examiners of the Synod, the nature of their work justifies ordination.
- of the Church as well as by the president of the Synod under whose authority such ordination shall have been effected.

5. Ministers from Other Denominations

A minister who has been ordained by another denomination and applies for membership in the Church shall present a written request and shall be examined by the Board of Examiners of the Synod. After at least one year of service in the Church, upon the recommendation of the Board of Examiners and with the approval of the President of the Church, he shall be received into the ministry of the Church.

6. Ministers

- 35 a. A minister shall not officiate in any way in the charge of a pastor without his consent, nor shall he serve a vacant church without the consent of the Placement Committee.
- 36 b. A minister no longer actively engaged in specific Christian service and taking up some other calling shall apply for a leave of absence for one year periods. This application for leave of absence is to be directed to the president of the Synod for action by the Synod. In case such leave of absence exceeds five consecutive years the Synod may erase his name from the roll of ministers.
- 37 c. The pastor, when submitting his resignation to a congregation, shall send a copy of such resignation to the president of the Synod not later than three days following the submission of such resignation to the congregation or charge.
- d. When a minister wishes to retire he shall inform the Synodical president. A minister retiring from the active ministry by reason of old age or sickness shall not thereby forfeit his ministerial membership in the Church.
- 39 e. When any pastor shall resign his charge by reason of old age or incapacity for further labor, the charge may elect him as pastor emeritus, with or without salary, but with no pastoral authority or duty. The General Synod, Boards of the Church, theological seminaries and other agencies may follow the same method when retirement age has come to their employees.

ARTICLE II.

THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONED WORKER

- 40 a. Commissioned workers are: pastors' assistants, directors of religious education, lay workers in home or foreign mission fields, deaconesses, and full-time workers in any other recognized department of the Church.
 - b. A commissioned worker shall have adequate training for his specific ministry in a school recognized by the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The Board of Examiners of the Synod shall determine the qualifications of the worker and recommend his consecration which must be approved by the President of the Church.
 - c. A commissioned worker shall devote his time and talents to his ministry and shall avoid any unrelated avocation that would dissipate his efficiency.
 - d. A commissioned worker shall be entitled to certain privileges which are commonly granted to Christian workers in full-time service. These privileges shall not be forfeited by reason of illness or old age. In all other respects the status of a commissioned worker shall be that of a lay member.
 - e. A commissioned worker who takes up some other calling shall apply to the Synod for a leave of absence for one year periods. In no case shall leave of absence be granted for more than three consecutive years after which time the name shall be removed from the roll of commissioned workers.

Part IV.

Congregational Judicatories

A. THE CONSISTORY OR CHURCH COUNCIL

a. Elders, deacons and trustees shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast at a congregational meeting. Their number in a congregation, the manner of their election and their term of office shall be determined by the constitution or by-laws of the congretion. If possible, each congregation shall have at least two elders and two deacons. When elected for the first time, elders and deacons shall be publicly ordained or consecrated to their office. After their ordination or consecration, they, with those who

have been reelected, shall be installed. If the congregation desires it, the trustees may also be installed. Unless transferred to another congregation, officers shall remain in office until their successors are inducted into office.

- be made by the consistory or church council, which shall present the names of one or two persons for each office, unless otherwise provided in the constitution of the congregation. Public notice of the nominations shall be given from the pulpit, by bulletin or letter, at least one week before the election. At the meeting for the election an equal number of nominations for each office may be made by the congregation. A person shall not be voted for unless regularly nominated. All nominees must be in full communion with the Church and earnestly devoted to the cause of Christ.
- c. The consistory or church council shall effect its own organization. The president shall be either a pastor or elder unless provided otherwise in the constitution or by-laws of the congregation. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum, unless otherwise provided in the constitution or by-laws of the congregation.
- d. The consistory or church council shall hold stated monthly or quarterly meetings and may hold such special meetings as are called by the president, or in the event of his absence, or inability, or unwillingness to act, by the secretary, when requested in writing to do so by one-third of the members. Proper notice of special meetings of the consistory or church council shall be given to all members.
- e. At least ten days before the annual meeting of the Synod the credentials of the delegates thereto shall be sent to the secretary of the Synod by the president or the secretary of the consistory or church council or joint consistory or church council. Within sixty days after the meeting of the Synod, the consistory or church council or joint consistory or church council shall meet, receive the report of its delegates, and act upon all matters referred to it by the Synod. Matters of vital interest, requiring congregational action, shall be referred to the congregation. Immediately thereafter, said action shall be reported by the consistory or church council to the secretary of the Synod.

- f. In managing the general affairs of the congregation, the consistory or church council shall call congregational meetings, make provision for the Apportionments of the Church and other benevolent purposes, distribution of alms through the deacons, auditing of financial accounts, and make complete provision for the adequate support of the pastor. It shall keep a complete and accurate record of its proceedings, be the custodian of all congregational records, and submit any or all records to the Synod when occasion requires it and the Synod requests it.
- g. The consistory or church council shall direct either the pastor or the secretary of the consistory or church council to keep a complete record of baptisms, confirmations, communicants, reception of new members, transfers, erasure of names, suspensions, marriages, deaths, and expenditures of monies for congregational and benevolent purposes. All records shall be the property of the congregation. Upon the dissolution of the congregation its records shall become the property of the Synod.

B. THE SPIRITUAL COUNCIL

- 48 a. The pastor shall be the president of the spiritual council; if the congregation is without a pastor, one of the elders shall be chosen to preside. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.
- 49 b. Stated meetings shall be held to consider and act upon applicants for membership, requests for letters of transfer and to discuss and to devise plans looking towards the quickening of the spiritual life of the congregation. A letter of transfer shall specify the congregation to which the person is dismissed and shall be valid for only one year. Special meetings shall be held at the call of the president or at the request of two elders.
- 50 c. The spiritual council shall exercise discipline in the congregation.
- d. If a member shall neglect to partake of the holy communion, or refuse to contribute to the support of the Church, or continuously absent himself from the public worship for one year, such conduct shall be deemed worthy of censure, and he shall be admonished by the pastor or elders. If after admonition he continues in such neglect of duty for another year, the spiritual council shall

notify him that he is no longer in good and regular standing, and his name shall be placed on a list of members under discipline. If before the expiration of another year he shall give evidence of change of heart and conduct, his name shall be returned to the roll of the active membership of the congregation. If at the end of the third year he shall give no evidence of change of heart and conduct the spiritual council shall erase his name from the church register. If any member of the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall unite with another congregation without a letter of transfer, the spiritual council shall likewise erase his name.

Part V.

Denominational Judicatories

A. The Synod

ARTICLE I.

MEETINGS

- a. The Synod shall meet twice every year, in the spring and fall, according to a schedule arranged by the General Council, subject to a date recommended by the Synodical Council. The spring meeting shall be for legislative purposes. Synods in widely scattered territory may meet biennially with the approval of the General Council. Each minister shall present a parochial report and send it ten days before the meeting of the Synod to the president of the Synod. The fall meeting, which may be held in sections, shall be in the nature of a worker's conference and shall have no legislative powers. To this fall meeting every congregation shall send its pastor and official delegates, representing the congregation, the consistory or church council, the Sunday School, the men's, the women's, and the young people's organizations.
 - b. Special meetings may be called by the Synodical Council for the consideration of items specified in the call. At least twenty days' previous notice shall be given for such special meeting.
 - c. All motions and resolutions shall be adopted by majority vote. An overture to the General Synod shall require a two-thirds vote.
 - d. The Synod shall adhere to accepted parliamentary law and rules of order.

ARTICLE II.

PROGRAM AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 53 I. Religious Services.
 - II. Organization,
 - 1. Record of Attendance.
 - 2. Defining the Bar of the House.
 - III. Adoption of Program and Schedule.
 - IV. Announcement of the Appointment of Committees:
 - 1. On Minutes of the General Synod.
 - 2. On Statement of the General Council and on the Report of the President of the Synod.
 - 3. On Overtures.
 - 4. On National Missions.
 - 5. On International Missions.
 - 6. On Christian Education and Publication.
 - 7. On Business Management.
 - 8. On Educational Institutions.
 - 9. On Pensions and Relief.
 - 10. On Benevolent Institutions.
 - 11. On Auxiliary Organizations.
 - 12. On Nominations.
 - 13. On Elections.
 - 14. On Treasurer's Report and Finance.
 - 15. On Equalization of Traveling Expenses.
 - V. Presentation of the Official Reports and Other Documents and their Reference to Committees.
 - VI. Statement of the General Council.
 - VII. Reports of Officers:
 - 1. The President,
 - 2. The Secretary, including review of Minutes of the Synod and Necrology,
 - 3. The Treasurer and Auditing Committee.

VIII. Reports:

- 1. The Synodical Council,
- 2. The Board of Examiners,
- 3. The Kingdom Service Committee,

- 4. The Committee on Evangelism,
- 5. The Committee on Christian Social Action.
- IX. Reports of Committees.
- X. Extra-denominational Matters.
- XI. Elections.
- XII. Miscellaneous Reports and Other Business.
- XIII. Adjournment with final report of attendance, reading and adoption of Minutes, and Religious Services.

ARTICLE III.

Nominations and Elections

- 54 a. A Committee on Nominations shall be appointed by the Synodical Council not less than ten days before the spring meeting of the Synod, which shall nominate not more than three candidates for each office, except as otherwise provided.
 - b. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Synod.
 - c. Delegates and alternates from the Synod to the General Synod shall be nominated and elected by open ballot, preferably from the membership of the Synod. In case any elected delegate cannot attend the meeting of the General Synod the first alternate shall take his place; in case any other delegate cannot attend the second alternate shall take his place. The secretary of the Synod shall record the alternates in the proper order of their election.
 - d. All elections shall be by ballot and a majority vote is necessary to elect.

ARTICLE IV.

SPECIAL SYNODS

- 55 a. A Mission Synod, unless otherwise provided for, shall have the same rights and duties as a regular Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.
 - b. Hungarian congregations so desiring may constitute a Hungarian Synod.

ARTICLE V.

EXPENSES

a. The expenses of the Synod, except the traveling and entertainment expenses of its members, shall be borne by the Synod.

b. All traveling expenses shall be equalized and pro-rated as determined by the Synod.

Officers and Administration

57 a. The president, vice-president and secretary shall be ministers. The treasurer may be a lay member.

b. The president of the Synod shall have been a member of the Synod for not less than three years and a minister of the Church for not less than five years.

c. The term of office for the officers of the Synod shall be two years. After two full terms of office, the president and vicepresident shall not be eligible to succeed themselves.

d. All vacancies shall be filled by the Synodical Council except as otherwise provided.

ARTICLE I.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYNOD

The president of the Synod shall be the official representative of the Synod. He shall be the presiding officer at each meeting; be responsible for the ordination of all candidates who have been properly approved; together with the President of the Church, sign all certificates of licensure and ordination. He shall keep a complete record of the ministers of the Synod, their licensure, ordination, reception, transfer, and other related items.

He shall transmit to the Synod such information regarding Church affairs as is requested by the Officers and the Boards of the Church and, with the Synodical Council, give sufficient time on the program of the meeting of the Synod for the discussion of the program of the Church; be chairman of the Synodical Council and conduct the official correspondence of the Synod; arrange for the installation of those who have been elected as pastors of churches; issue, with the approval of the Synodical Council, a certificate of transfer to any pastor leaving the Synod; keep a complete record of congregations, showing the names and addresses of the ministers, and officers of the congregations, and transfer such information to the Secretary of the Church. This record he shall deliver to his successor in office.

He shall make an annual report to the spring meeting of the Synod; have the power to draw warrants upon the treasurer of the Synod for all legitimate expenses of the Synod or any person or committee acting upon his order or the order of the Synod, and

without such warrant no money shall be paid out of the Synodical Treasury; appoint all committees necessary, unless otherwise provided for in this constitution or by-laws, or by specific resolution of the Synod.

He shall have the right to send communications through the consistory or church council to any congregation, or to any pastor within the Synod, and to address any congregation of the Synod.

ARTICLE II.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT

59 The vice-president shall assist the president in administration and, when requested by the president, shall represent him. Should a vacancy occur in the office of the president of the Synod, the vice-president shall assume all the rights and duties of the president until the next regular meeting of the Synod.

ARTICLE III.

THE SECRETARY

The secretary of the Synod shall also be secretary of the Synodical Council. He shall keep accurate and permanent record of the minutes of the Synod and of the Synodical Council and assist the president of the Synod, as the president shall direct.

ARTICLE IV. THE TREASURER

61 The treasurer shall receive all monies for the treasury of the Synod, giving his official receipt for the same, administer all funds of the Synod, and pay all bills against warrants properly issued and signed by the president of the Synod. He shall receive an annual salary of at least one dollar (\$1.00) and he shall furnish corporate surety bond, as required by the Synodical Council, the premium thereon to be paid by the Synod.

ARTICLE V.

THE SYNODICAL COUNCIL

62 a. The Synodical Council shall consist of the officers of the Synod and an additional lay member elected by the Synod for two years. The president of the Synod shall be its chairman.

b. The Synodical Council shall meet at least semi-annually. Special meetings may be called by the president of the Synod. It shall prepare the agenda for the meetings of the Synod.

ARTICLE VI.

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

- a. The Synodical Council shall be the Placement Committee. The President of the Church shall be an ex-officio member of the Placement Committee of the Synod.
- 64 b. The term of service of a pastor shall be without limit except as hereinafter provided. A minister shall have the right to confer with the Placement Committee of any Synod concerning a vacant pulpit.
- 65 c. In order that every congregation or charge may have a pastor and every minister have a charge the Placement Committee shall cooperate in an endeavor to fill all vacancies as quickly as possible.
- d. When a pastor desires to change his pastoral relationship, he shall communicate with the Placement Committee through its chairman. If the congregation or charge desires a change of pastor, the consistory or church council or joint consistory or church council, through its secretary, shall send a written request, with a statement of reasons for the same, to the chairman of the Placement Committee. In case of the death of a pastor or the retirement of a pastor from the service of a congregation or charge, the secretary of the consistory or church council of the congregation or charge shall report the fact in writing to the president of the Synod. When a resignation has been duly accepted the Synod or the Synodical Council shall dissolve the pastoral relationship and declare the pulpit vacant.
- e. The consistory or church council, or joint consistory or church council, after due conference with the Placement Committee, shall nominate one of the candidates approved by the Placement Committee for the pastorate, to be voted upon by the congregation. The congregation shall consider only one candidate at a time and vote by ballot for or against his election. If he is elected the consistory or church council or joint consistory or church council shall then tender him a call, according to the form prescribed by the General Synod. The call must be confirmed by the Synod or the Synodical Council.
- 68 f. Whenever a change of pastor seems advisable for the welfare of the congregation or of the pastor, or in the interest of the Church at large, the Placement Committee shall effect the change

but only after due conference with both parties and with the approval of either or both.

69 g. The Placement Committee shall not approve, nor shall a congregation consider, an applicant from another denomination unless he has the privilege of call granted to him by the General Council.

70 h. When a charge is without a pastor, the Placement Committee shall consult with the consistory or church council, or joint consistory or church council, and assist them to fill the vacancy and to make provision for the temporary supply of the pulpit. This consultation shall be held within a month after the pulpit has been declared vacant. The vacancy shall be filled permanently as quickly as possible and temporary supply shall not continue for more than one year.

ARTICLE VII.

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

71 This board shall consist of the president of the Synod and three ministers and one lay member who shall be elected by the Synod for a term of two years. It shall be the duty of the Board of Examiners to pass upon the physical, mental and spiritual fitness of candidates for licensure and ordination. It shall also supervise the work of the students for the ministry who have registered in the Synod. It shall report to the Synod.

ARTICLE VIII.

THE KINGDOM SERVICE COMMITTEE

72 This committee shall consist of not less than two ministers and one lay member. They shall be elected by the Synod for a term of three years, the term of one-third of their number expiring each year. Its duty shall be to cooperate with the Committee on Correlation and Promotion of the General Council and with the congregations of the Synod in promoting the missionary and benevolent work of the Church.

ARTICLE IX.

COMMITTEES ON EVANGELISM AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

73 Each of these committees shall consist of not less than two ministers and one lay member. They shall be elected by the Synod for a term of three years, the term of one-third of their number expiring each year.

B. The General Synod

ARTICLE I.

MEETINGS

- 74 a. The General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall meet in regular session biennially.
 - b. The date, place and details of the meetings of the General Synod, unless provided for by the General Synod in previous session, shall be determined by the General Council.
 - c. A special meeting of the General Synod may be called by resolution of the General Synod in session, or upon the request of not less than ten Synods, or by the General Council. Only such business shall be transacted as is specified in the call. At least six weeks before the time of a special meeting the Secretary shall issue a call to the members, informing them of the time and place of meeting, and specifying the items of business to be considered.
 - d. All meetings of the General Synod shall be public, unless otherwise provided for by the General Synod in session.
 - e. Immediately after the formal opening of the first business session of the General Synod, the committee on credentials shall report the names of accredited delegates. If a quorum is present, the General Synod is authorized to transact business.
 - f. Alternate delegates may not substitute for regular delegates during the meeting until the General Synod shall have authorized such action. A delegate shall not absent himself from any of the sessions of the General Synod without the consent of the General Synod.
 - g. All motions and resolutions shall be adopted by a majority vote, except as otherwise provided for in the constitution and by-laws.
 - h. The General Synod shall adhere to and shall follow the accepted parliamentary law and rules of order.

ARTICLE II.

FORMS AND FISCAL YEAR

75 a. The General Synod shall prepare the following forms: constitution for a congregation; formula and certificate of licensure; temporary license; certificate of ordination; certificates of mar-

riage, baptism, confirmation, transfer of a member, reception of a transferred member; call to a minister, transfer of a minister, reception of a transferred minister; credential of a lay member to a Synod; credential of a delegate from a Synod to the General Synod; statistical report of a pastoral charge; statistical report of a Synod. These forms may be changed or amended at any stated meeting of the General Synod by a two-thirds vote.

76 b. The fiscal year of the General Synod shall close on the thirty-first of January of each calendar year.

ARTICLE III.

PROGRAM AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 77 I. Religious Services.
 - II. Organization.
 - 1. Record of Attendance.
 - 2. Defining the Bar of the House.
 - 3. Announcement of Appointment of Committee on Credentials and Excuses.
 - 4. Election of Moderator and Vice-Moderator.
 - III. Adoption of Program and Schedule.
 - IV. Announcement of the Appointment of Committees:
 - 1. On Religious Services.
 - 2. On Minutes of the General Synod.
 - 3. On Report of the President.
 - 4. On Minutes of the Synods.
 - 5. On Overtures.
 - 6. On Correlation of Reports, and Special Resolutions (consisting of the chairmen of committees 2-5).
 - 7. On National Missions.
 - 8. On International Missions.
 - 9. On Christian Education and Publication.
 - 10. On Business Management.
 - 11. On Educational Institutions.
 - 12. On Pensions and Relief.
 - 13. On Evangelism.
 - 14. On Christian Social Action.
 - 15. On Benevolent Institutions.
 - 16. On Churchmen's Brotherhood.

- 17. On Women's Guild.
- 18. On Nominations.
- 19. On Elections.
- 20. On Treasurer's Report and Finance.
- 21. On Introduction of Visitors.
- 22. On Equalization of Traveling Expenses.
- 23. On Insurance Association.
- V. Presentation of the Official Reports and Other Documents and their Reference to Committees.
- VI. Reports of Officers:

 - The President,
 The Secretary,
 - 3. The Treasurer.
- VII. Report of the General Council.
- VIII. Reports of Committees.
- IX. Reports of Commissions and of Delegates in Relation with Other Churches and Bodies.
- X. Report of the Judicial Commission.
- XI. Extra-denominational Matters.
- XII. Elections.
- XIII. Miscellaneous Reports and Other Business.
- XIV. Adjournment with final report of attendance, reading and adoption of Minutes, and Religious Services.

ARTICLE IV.

PRESIDING OFFICERS

- 78 a. A Moderator and a Vice-Moderator shall be elected to preside over the meeting of the General Synod. Their duties shall cease at the close of the meeting of the General Synod.
 - b. Immediately after the Moderator accepts his position, the General Synod shall elect a Vice-Moderator, who shall represent the Moderator upon his request, or during his temporary absence.
 - c. This election shall be the first order of business on the agenda of the General Synod.
 - d. Nominations for Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be made from the floor of the General Synod.

ARTICLE V.

Nominations and Elections

- 79 a. A nominating committee consisting of fifteen members from the delegates to the General Synod shall be appointed by the General Council.
 - b. All elections shall be by ballot and a majority vote is necessary to elect.
 - c. Members elected to office by the General Synod shall assume office on September first following their election.
 - d. The Officers of the Church shall be elected not later than the third full day session of the General Synod. All other elections shall be held as soon as the committee reports bearing on the respective Boards and other agencies shall have been submitted to and adopted by the General Synod. Other elections shall not be held until the officers of the Church have been duly elected.
 - e. The editors of the Church papers shall be elected for a term of six years and shall be eligible for reelection. Should a vacancy occur the General Council at its next meeting shall fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the General Synod.

ARTICLE VI.

EXPENSES

- a. The expenses of the meetings of the General Synod, except the traveling and entertainment expenses, shall be borne by the General Synod.
 - b. The expenses of all delegates at large shall be borne by the respective Boards or agencies which they represent.
 - c. The traveling and entertainment expenses of all delegates shall be borne by the Synods. The traveling expenses of delegates, both ministerial and lay, shall be equalized and pro-rated by a committee on equalization. Prior to the meeting of the General Synod a deposit sufficient to meet this outlay shall be made by the treasurers of the Synods.

OFFICERS

The candidates for the offices of President, First Vice-President and Secretary of the Church shall be ministers, who shall have been ministers of the Evangelical and Reformed Church or of one

of the two Churches united into the Evangelical and Reformed

Church for not less than fifteen years.

The candidates for the offices of Second Vice-President and Treasurer of the Church shall be lay members who shall have been members of an Evangelical and Reformed congregation or of a congregation of either of the two Churches united into the Evangelical and Reformed Church for not less than fifteen years.

ARTICLE I.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH

The Office

82 a. The President of the Church shall give himself wholly to the duties of his office. He shall be elected for a term of six years and shall be eligible for reelection. His salary shall be fixed by the General Synod.

b. In case of death or withdrawal of the President of the Church, the First Vice-President shall fill the office of the President until the next meeting of the General Synod when the General

Synod shall elect a President for the full term.

Duties

- 83 a. The President as the official representative of the Church shall be an advisory member of all Boards, auxiliary organizations, committees and commissions.
 - b. He shall act as representative of the Church in any interdenominational or international group where, in the judgment of the General Council, a representative of the Church should appear. He may appoint, with the approval of the General Council, a special representative of the Church for such occasions as he deems advisable.
 - c. He shall be the chairman of the General Council and of its Administrative Committee.
 - d. He shall hold the seal of the Church and affix his signature to all official documents of the Church.
 - e. Upon recommendation by the proper authorities, he shall assign all qualified candidates for ordination to the Synods for ordination and service. He shall sign all certificates of licensure and ordination.
 - f. He shall render a complete report of his work to the General

Synod in session and to the General Council in the intervening

year.

g. He shall send the official statements of the Officers of the Church, of the General Council, and of the Boards to the members of the Synods not later than thirty days before the opening of the sessions of each Synod. He, or one of the members of the General Council appointed by him, shall attend the spring meetings of all the Synods and give information regarding the program of the Church. He shall have authority to instruct the Synodical Council to place certain matters pertaining to the work of the Church upon the program of the sessions of the fall meeting of a Synod and to give these matters preference.

h. He shall have power to address any legitimate communication, either personally or by official representative, or by written

message, to any congregation or Synod.

i. He shall appoint all committees authorized by the General Synod or the General Council except where other provisions are made in the constitution or by-laws, or where other methods of selection are stated in resolutions. He shall authorize the Treasurer to pay their legitimate expenses.

i. He shall enforce the constitution and by-laws of the Church

and the rules and regulations of the General Synod.

ARTICLE II.

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

a. The First Vice-President shall be elected for a term of four years and shall be eligible for reelection. He shall take over the powers and duties of the President of the Church in the event of his death, resignation or removal or other causes making him unable to perform his duties, either temporarily or otherwise, until the next meeting of the General Synod.

b. He shall assist the President by his counsel and in any other way the President may call upon him. He shall represent the President, when requested to do so, at Synod meetings, Board meetings or other conferences or conventions, and as the repre-

sentative of the President shall carry out his instructions.

c. He shall be a member of the General Council and of its Administrative Committee.

d. Should a vacancy occur in the office of First Vice-President,

the General Council at its next session shall elect a First Vice-President, who shall serve until the next meeting of the General Synod.

ARTICLE III.

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

a. The Second Vice-President shall be elected for a term of four years and shall be eligible for reelection. He shall assist the President by his counsel and otherwise. He shall represent the President, when requested by him to do so, at Synod or Board meetings, or other conferences or conventions and as the representative of the President shall carry out his instructions.

b. He shall be a member of the General Council and shall be

chairman of its Finance and Budget Committee.

c. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Second Vice-President, the General Council at its next session shall elect a Second Vice-President, who shall serve until the next meeting of the General Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

THE SECRETARY

The Office

- 86 a. The Secretary of the Church shall give his whole time to the duties of his office. He shall be elected for a term of six years and shall be eligible for reelection. His salary shall be fixed by the General Synod.
 - b. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Secretary, the General Council at its next session shall elect a Secretary who shall serve until the next meeting of the General Synod.

Duties

- a. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings of the General Synod and have them printed after they are approved by the Moderator and the President of the Church. He shall countersign certificates and documents of the Church, and any other official documents authorized by the General Synod or the General Council.
 - b. He may appoint recording and corresponding assistants for the meetings of the General Synod, subject to approval of the President of the Church.

c. He shall be the secretary of the General Council, of its Administrative Committee, and of its Committee on Correlation and Promotion.

d. The original records of all proceedings of the General Synod and of the General Council and all documents, letters and papers having reference to their proceedings shall be carefully preserved by the Secretary and deposited in such places as the General Synod or the General Council shall direct. Such documents shall not be removed except by action of the General Synod or the General Council.

e. At least forty days before any meeting of the General Synod the Secretary of the Church shall furnish the secretaries of the Synods the official credential blanks for delegates and alternates to the General Synod.

f. He shall keep an accurate record of ordinations, licensures, deaths of ministers, transfers, as well as records of addresses, and of congregations served by the ministers of the Church.

g. He shall assist the President of the Church by counsel and otherwise. He shall represent the President when requested by him to do so and as the representative of the President shall carry out his instructions.

ARTICLE V. THE TREASURER

The Office

a. The Treasurer of the Church shall give his whole time to the duties of his office. He shall be elected for a term of six years and shall be eligible for reelection. His salary shall be fixed by the General Synod.

b. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Treasurer, the General Council at its next session shall elect a Treasurer, who shall serve until the next meeting of the General Synod.

Duties

89 a. The Treasurer shall be a member of the General Council, of its Administrative Committee and of its Finance and Budget

b. He shall receive all monies for the Church or its work, giving official receipt for the same. He shall deposit all monies which have been received by him in such bank or banks as the General Council may designate.

- c. On the last day of the month he shall pay to the Boards all monies received for their work, according to instructions given him by the General Synod or by the General Council.
- d. In cases of emergency, when the receipts are temporarily insufficient, he shall borrow such sums as the General Council may direct.
- e. Upon authorization of the President, he shall pay all bills chargeable to the treasury of the General Synod.
- f. He shall keep all his accounts for the entire Church according to a unified system of bookkeeping as the General Council shall direct. He shall submit monthly reports to the Finance and Budget Committee of the General Council and a complete report at every meeting of the General Council. Through the President of the Church, he shall submit an annual statement of all accounts to the Synods. He shall make a complete report to every meeting of the General Synod.
- g. He shall not dispose of any money without proper authorization. He shall not make investments without the authority of the General Council upon recommendation of its Finance and Budget Committee.
- h. He shall furnish corporate surety bond in the sum decided by the General Council which shall arrange for the payment of the premium.

The General Council ARTICLE I.

Membership

90 The General Council shall consist of the following Officers of the Church: the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition eight pastors and eight lay members shall be elected by the General Synod, from sixteen different Synods, for a term of four years; they shall be eligible for only one additional term; one-half of their number shall be elected at each regular meeting of the General Synod.

ARTICLE II.

Duties

91 a. The General Council shall supervise and direct the work of the Church and act for the Church when the General Synod is not in session, except in such matters as are reserved in this constitutition or by-laws.

- b. It shall meet at least semi-annually or at the call of its chairman
- c. It shall prepare the agenda for all meetings of the General Synod, and appoint the committees necessary for the meetings of the General Synod, unless otherwise provided for.
- d. It shall direct the financial policy of the Church and shall be empowered to authorize the Treasurer of the Church to borrow money to meet any deficiencies.
- e. Any vacancy occurring in the General Council, unless otherwise provided for, shall be filled by the General Council.
- f. It shall approve the appointments made by the Boards of the Church at its next meeting.
- g. At its annual meeting, it shall formulate the program of the Church. To this meeting it shall invite the editors of the Church papers, representatives of the Boards, auxiliary organizations, and other agencies, as advisory members.
- h. It shall give an opportunity to the editors of the Church papers and representatives of all Boards and agencies to appear before the General Council to present their work.

ARTICLE III.

COMMITTEES

- 92 For the conduct of its work the General Council shall appoint the following committees: Administrative, Finance and Budget, and Correlation and Promotion.
 - a. The Administrative Committee, consisting of seven members, shall perform the duties of the General Council ad interim and meet at least quarterly or at the call of its chairman. It shall determine the editorial policy of the Church papers, fix the salaries of the editors, supervise their work and cause to be published books or pamphlets which interpret the doctrinal position or polity of the Evangelical and Reformed Church as directed by the General Synod or the General Council.
 - b. The Finance and Budget Committee shall plan the Budget, and shall submit the same to the General Council for approval. The General Council shall submit the Budget for a two year period

to the General Synod for adoption. It shall supervise the work of the Treasurer and be responsible for audit of the Treasurer's accounts.

c. The Committee on Correlation and Promotion shall consist of the Secretary of the Church, five members of the General Council and the executive secretaries of such Boards as the General Council may determine. It shall supervise all general promotion of the Church and of its various Boards and agencies and function in the Synods through Kingdom Service Committees. The Boards of the Church shall share in the expense of such promotion. The pro-rating of this expense shall be subject to approval of the General Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

93 The General Synod shall diligently prosecute its Kingdom Work by Boards, Commissions and Auxiliary Organizations.

Boards

The Boards of the General Synod shall be:

The Board of National Missions,

The Board of International Missions,

The Board of Christian Education and Publication,

The Board of Business Management,

The Board of Pensions and Relief,

The Board of Investments.

Boards of Directors of Theological Seminaries,

The Board of Directors of Elmhurst College,

and such others as may be created by the General Synod.

Membership

95 Each Board shall be composed of ministers and lay members.
Officers of the Church shall not be eligible as members of
Boards. No one shall serve as a member of more than one Board
of the General Synod.

Members of Boards and commissions, and boards of directors of theological seminaries shall be elected to serve for a term of four years and be eligible for reelection. One-half of their number shall be elected at each meeting of the General Synod.

All vacancies shall be filled by the Board concerned, subject to the approval of the General Council.

Each Board shall effect its own organization for the conduct of

A Board may be incorporated by action of the General Synod.

Duties

96 a. Each Board shall make a biennial report to the General Synod and an annual statement to the Synods, which statement shall be submitted to the President of the Church not later than March first of each year.

b. Each Board shall present its financial needs, together with its budget of estimated income and estimated expenditures and a statement of financial operations during the past year, to the General Council at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting of the General Council, and furnish such information and reports as the General Council may require. Each Board may be personally represented at the meetings of the General Council.

c. The financial accounts of each Board shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant and the report of such auditor shall be a part of the annual report of the Board to the General Council.

d. A Board shall not inaugurate a campaign for the raising of funds apart from its regular budget without the consent of the General Council.

e. A Board shall have no right to borrow more than \$5,000.00 at one time, nor more than \$10,000.00 in any one year, without the consent of the General Council.

f. The fiscal year of all Boards receiving Apportionments from the General Synod shall close on the thirty-first of January of each calendar year.

g. A Board shall elect such executive secretaries, editors or managers as may be necessary, subject to the approval of the General Council.

ARTICLE I.

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

Membership

97 The Board of National Missions shall consist of twelve members, at least seven of whom shall be ministers, and at least one

shall be a woman. The General Synod shall elect ten and these shall elect the other two, subject to the approval of the General Council.

Duties

98 It shall be the duty of the Board of National Missions to promote and administer the missionary work of the Church in the home land. It shall determine the home mission policy of the Church. In prosecuting this task the Board shall divide itself into the following departments: General Missionary Expansion, Special Missionary Projects, and Church Building.

There shall be two distinct and separate treasuries and treasurers, one for Missions and one for Church Building, and no money shall be diverted from one treasury to the other.

ARTICLE II.

BOARD OF INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Membership

99 The Board of International Missions shall consist of twelve members, at least seven of whom shall be ministers, and at least one shall be a woman. The General Synod shall elect ten and these shall elect the other two, subject to the approval of the General Council.

Duties

100 It shall be the duty of the Board of International Missions to promote and administer the missionary work of the Church beyond the bounds of the United States and Canada. It shall determine the international missionary policy of the Church.

ARTICLE III.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION

Membership

101 The Board of Christian Education and Publication shall consist of twelve members, at least six of whom shall be ministers and two of whom shall be women. The General Synod shall elect eight, including one woman, and these shall elect the remaining four, subject to the approval of the General Council.

Duties

102 It shall be the duty of the Board of Christian Education and Publication to develop, promote and direct a comprehensive and

unified program of Christian Education in the denomination, to the end that the tenets of the Christian religion may become the controlling principle of life. This program shall adequately provide for all the people of all the churches—children, youth and adults. It shall embrace all areas and phases of Christian life, development and service and it shall be cast not primarily with reference to existing institutions or agencies but rather with reference to the needs of persons—their understandings, their attitudes, their ideals, their convictions, their relationships to God and to society.

It shall be the further responsibility of this Board to develop and direct an educational and editorial policy; to edit and publish such religious educational texts, church school hymnals, periodicals and other materials as may serve the best educational interests of the denomination, assuming sole responsibility, financial and otherwise, for such publications; to establish and direct a program of leadership training; to cooperate with other Boards and agencies of the Church in the educational work under their care; to act as an educational service bureau and clearing house for all educational problems of the church and church school; and to assume such other duties as may properly fall within its province.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Membership

- 103 The Board of Business Management shall consist of twelve members, three of whom shall be residents of Missouri and three shall be residents of Pennsylvania. Six of their number shall be ministers. The General Synod shall elect eight and these shall elect the other four, subject to the approval of the General Council. Duties
- 104 It shall be the duty of this Board to conduct the office buildings, commercial printing, publishing and bookbinding plants, church supply houses and general book stores of the Church. It shall print all periodicals and books as directed by the General Synod. It shall promote the sale of religious literature and other reading material, and concern itself with the promotion of the publishing interests of the Church, except as otherwise provided. It shall outline the

program and determine the policies of its business for the ensuing year, subject to the approval of the General Council.

ARTICLE V.

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF

Membership

105 The Board of Pensions and Relief shall consist of twelve members, six of whom shall be ministers, and six shall be lay members. Ten of the members of the Board shall be elected by the General Synod and these shall elect the other two, subject to the approval of the General Council.

Duties

106 The Board of Pensions and Relief shall receive, hold, and disburse such property, personal, real, and mixed, as may be given to it and it may acquire, for the adequate pension, relief and support of disabled and aged ministers, ministers' widows, and ministers' orphans under eighteen years of age.

ARTICLE VI.

BOARD OF INVESTMENTS

107 The Board of Investments shall consist of two ministers and three lay members elected by the General Synod. It shall invest such funds as may be entrusted to its care by the various Boards and institutions of the Church and shall be controlled in its transactions by the laws governing trust funds.

ARTICLE VII.

BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES

108 The number of members of the Board or Boards of the seminary at Lancaster, Pa., of Eden Seminary at Webster Groves, Mo., and of the Mission House at Plymouth, Wis., shall be determined by their respective charters. Two-thirds of the members shall be elected by the General Synod and the remainder by the Board or Boards.

In the election and appointment of these members, the sections of the Church in which the theological seminaries are located shall be taken into account.

ARTICLE VIII.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ELMHURST COLLEGE

109 The Board of Directors of Elmhurst College shall consist of twelve members. The General Synod shall elect eight and these shall elect the other four, subject to the approval of the General Council. In the election of these members, the section of the Church in which Elmhurst College is located shall be taken into account, according to the charter of Elmhurst College.

Commissions

110 The Commissions of the General Synod shall be:

Evangelism,
Christian Social Action,
Higher Education,
Benevolent Institutions,
and such others as may be created by the General Synod.

ARTICLE I.

COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM

Membership

- 111 The Commission on Evangelism shall consist of ten members, five of whom shall be ministers and five of whom shall be lay members. The General Synod shall elect six and these shall elect the other four, subject to the approval of the General Council.
- 112 It shall be the duty of this commission to give leadership in the promotion of evangelism and in the development of the spiritual life and work of the Church. It shall plan a program of evangelism for the whole Church, and with pastors and congregations seek to make every congregation an effective evangelistic force. It shall cooperate with other agencies in the Church in vitalizing special seasons of the year with spiritual life and power.

ARTICLE II.

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

Membership

113 The Commission on Christian Social Action shall consist of ten members, at least five of whom shall be pastors. Eight shall be elected by the General Synod, and these eight shall elect the other two, subject to the approval of the General Council.

114 It shall be the duty of this commission to study the content of the gospel in its bearing on the individual and on society, recommend social action for the Church, provide and publish information and literature on social issues, cooperate with other agencies in making the implications of the gospel effective in society, and formulate and promote a social program of the church.

ARTICLE III.

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

115 The Commission on Higher Education shall consist of the presidents of the educational institutions and an equal number of ministers chosen by the General Synod for a term of four years, and the executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education and Publication.

The function of this commission shall be to study and determine the Church's program of higher education, to cultivate closer relationship between the educational institutions themselves and the Church, and to maintain and develop the principles and ideals of the Christian religion in the educational institutions of the Church.

The expenses of the representatives of the educational institutions shall be borne by their institutions.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMISSION ON BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS

116 The benevolent institutions of the Church shall be related to the Church and to each other through a commission of four members elected by the General Synod. These four, together with such representatives as the benevolent institutions may choose and send, shall constitute the commission. Only one representative of an institution shall have a vote in the commission. The expenses of the representatives of the benevolent institutions shall be borne by their institutions.

Churches or groups of churches wishing to establish a new benevolent institution shall present such request to this commission which shall present it to the General Council for its approval.

Auxiliary Organizations

The Auxiliary Organizations of the General Synod shall be:
The Churchmen's Brotherhood,
The Women's Guild,
and such others as may be created by the General Synod.

ARTICLE I.

THE CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD

118 The Churchmen's Brotherhood is the officially recognized organization for men, whose purpose shall be to develop and coordinate in our churches through study, prayer, fellowship and service the man power of the Church for the cultivation of the Christian life and for the success of the whole program of the Church. It shall be administered by a board of directors consisting of eleven members, three pastors and eight laymen, elected as follows: two pastors and two laymen by the General Synod, one of each elected at each meeting; five laymen by the National Convention of the Brotherhood; one pastor and one layman from the Church at large by the other nine members of the board. These members shall serve for a term of four years and be eligible for reelection for one additional term.

ARTICLE II.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD

119 The Women's Guild is the officially recognized organization for women. Its purpose shall be to formulate an all-inclusive program of education and service for the women's organizations of the Church. It shall have power to initiate plans for their promotional work and to attend to such other administrative duties as usually devolve upon such an organization.

It shall be administered by a board of women, two of whom shall be elected by the General Synod for a term of four years. The other members of the board shall be elected by the Women's Guild. Their number, the manner of their election and the term of their office shall be determined by the Women's Guild as set forth in its constitution and by-laws.

Discipline and Judicial Procedure

ARTICLE I.

NATURE AND EXERCISE OF DISCIPLINE

- 120 Christian discipline is the exercise of that spiritual authority which the Lord Jesus Christ has appointed in His Church to preserve its purity and honor and to promote the spiritual welfare of its members.
- 121 All members of the Church are subject to its government and discipline.
- 122 The Synod shall have original jurisdiction in relation to ministers and candidates for the ministry; and the spiritual council in all other cases; but the higher judicatories may institute proceedings in cases in which the lower have been directed so to do and have refused or neglected to obey.
- 123 An offense is anything in the doctrine, principles or practice of a church member, officer, minister or judicatory that is contrary to the Word of God or to the regulations of the Church.
- 124 Every case in which there is a charge of offense against a member, officer, or minister shall be known as a judicial case. Every other case shall be known as an administrative case.

ARTICLE II.

PARTIES, PROCESS AND TRIAL

- 125 If any member or minister of the Church has knowledge or reliable information of an offense by a member, candidate for the ministry, or minister, which is a proper ground for discipline, he shall prefer a charge in writing, before the proper authority. No other person may institute charges. However, should a scandal arise in the jurisdiction of a Synod, the judicatory concerned may appoint a committee to investigate the scandal. Should the investigation show ground for a charge the Synod or spiritual council shall appoint a member or committee to bring the charge, and the trial shall then proceed as hereinafter provided.
- 126 If the offense be such as does not seem to the judicatory in the first instance to require a trial, it may empower its presiding officer or other member or members, to visit, admonish or reprove

the accused if deemed necessary, and if there be contrition and promise to amend no further proceedings shall be had.

127 The charge shall be in writing and shall set forth the alleged offense; and the specifications shall set forth the facts relied upon to sustain the charge. Each offense shall be set forth as a separate charge; and each specification shall declare, as far as possible, the time, place and circumstances of the offense, and shall be accompanied with the names of the witnesses.

128 A copy of the charges, together with the specifications, and a notice in writing of the time and place of trial shall be served on the accused at least twenty days before the date fixed for the trial, in person if possible, and otherwise either by leaving it at his last known place of residence with an adult member of his family or household or by mailing it to him by registered letter. The accuser shall have like notice of the time and place of trial. If an accused person does not appear after proof of due notice has been given, the trial may proceed and a decision be rendered in his absence.

appoint a committee of one or more of its members as counsel to conduct the proceeding in all its stages; but the judicatory which appointed the committee may change it, and may also appoint assistant counsel at any stage. The same privilege of engaging counsel shall also be accorded to the accused. A person shall not be eligible as counsel who is not a member of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

130 The witnesses, after being sworn or affirmed by the president of the judicatory or by any of its members appointed by him, shall be examined and, if desired, cross-examined, and other competent evidence may be presented.

131 A judicatory may appoint a Commissioner to take any evidence which cannot be secured directly at the trial. Each party shall have notice of the time and place appointed for the taking of such evidence and shall have the right to examine or cross-examine the witnesses.

132 A member of the judicatory may be a witness in a case which comes before it. He shall be qualified as other witnesses are, but after having given his testimony he shall not resume his seat as a member of the judicatory.

- 133 Exceptions to any of the rulings or proceedings in the trial may be taken by either of the parties. The trial shall be conducted in open or secret session as the majority of the judicatory may determine.
- 134 The charge or charges, specifications, exceptions to the rulings or proceedings, the decision of the judicatory and the notice of appeal, if any, shall be entered on the minutes of the judicatory; all of which, together with the transcript of the evidence in the case duly filed and authenticated by the secretary of the judicatory, shall constitute the record of the case. If demanded, copies of the record shall be furnished promptly to the parties at their expense.
- 135 If in the prosecution of an appeal new evidence is offered, which in the opinion of the appellate judicatory has an important bearing on the case, it may refer the case back to the inferior judicatory for a new trial, or with the consent of the parties may receive the further evidence and decide the case.
- 136 Decisions in judicial proceedings must be rendered by a majority vote of the members present, except that a two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required to expel a member or suspend or depose a minister, elder or deacon from office.

ARTICLE III.

REFERENCES, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

137 All proceedings of the consistory or church council, the joint consistory or church council, the spiritual council, and the Synod may be taken to a superior judicatory by reference, complaint or appeal.

I. References

138 A reference is a submission of a pending matter by a lower to the next higher judicatory, and may be made either for advice or for ultimate decision and trial by the superior. If for advice, the reference only suspends the decision of the inferior judicatory; if for trial, it submits the whole case to the final judgment of the superior. In matters of reference, members of the inferior judicatory may vote in the higher judicatory.

139 A judicatory may refuse to give final judgment in a matter of reference, and may remit the whole case either with cr without

advice to the lower judicatory.

140 In all cases of reference the record of the proceedings in the lower judicatory shall be transmitted to the higher judicatory, and the judicatory to which a reference is made shall determine the method of procedure to be adopted for hearing in disposing of such reference.

II. Complaints

141 A complaint is a written statement by one or more persons, subject to the jurisdiction of a lower judicatory, submitted to the next higher judicatory against a particular delinquency, action or decision of such lower judicatory in an administrative case.

142 The judicatory against which a complaint is made shall send up its records to the higher judicatory, together with all papers relating to the matter of the complaint.

143 The same method of procedure in the hearing of a complaint

shall prevail as in the case of an appeal.

144 The effect of a complaint, if sustained, may be the reversal in whole or in part of the action or decision complained of. When a complaint is sustained, the lower judicatory shall be directed how to dispose of the matter.

145 Neither the complainant, nor the persons complained of, nor the members of the judicatory complained of, shall vote in the case

in any of the judicatories of the Church.

III. Appeals

- 146 An appeal is the removal of a judicial case by a written representation from a lower to a higher judicatory, and may be taken by either of the original parties from the judgment of the lower judicatory.
- 147 If an appeal is taken from the decision of a judicatory in a judicial case, the judicatory that rendered the decision shall defend its position in the higher judicatory by and through such representatives as it may deem proper to appoint; said representatives, however, shall be ministers or lay members, or both, of the Church
- 148 Irregularities in the proceedings, refusal to entertain an appeal, refusal of reasonable indulgence to a party on trial, receiving improper, or declining to receive proper testimony, undue haste, manifestation of prejudice in the conduct of a case, mistake or

injustice in the decision or in any of the rulings of the judicatory in the matters appertaining to the case, undue severity of sentence, all are good and sufficient reasons for an appeal.

- 149 Written notice of appeal, with duplicate copies of specifications of errors alleged, shall be given, within thirty days after the adjournment of a judicatory, to the secretary of the judicatory appealed from, and in case of his absence or disability or death, to its president, who shall file it, with the records and all papers appertaining to the case, or a certified copy of them, with the secretary of the higher judicatory, on or before the first day of its regular meeting next ensuing the date of the reception of said notice, and shall furnish the chairman of the committee appointed to defend the judicatory with one of the duplicate copies of specifications of errors alleged.
- 150 The appellant shall appear, in person or by counsel, before the judicatory appealed to, at or before the close of the second day's session of its stated meeting, next ensuing the date of the filing of the notice of appeal, prepared to proceed with the appeal. If the appellant does not appear before the judicatory appealed to, and fails to show, to the satisfaction of the judicatory, that said appellant was unavoidably prevented from so doing, the appeal shall be considered abandoned, and the judgment of the lower judicatory shall stand. The judicatory appealed to shall proceed to hear an appeal whether the judicatory appealed from appears or not, unless it is shown that notice of appeal was not properly served on the judicatory appealed from.
- 151 All cases of appeal of which the records and papers, or certified copies of them, have been placed in the hands of the secretary of the judicatory appealed to, shall be called up by him as soon as possible after the permanent organization of the judicatory; he shall state the names of the original parties, read the accusation and the decision and sentence, state the name of the judicatory appealed from and the names of the appellants, and read the reasons filed for the appeal.
- 152 In case the secretary of the lower judicatory has failed to file the records of an appeal he shall be referred to his judicatory to be dealt with as the case may require; and the appellant or the judicatory appealed from may furnish a copy of said records, and,

provided both shall agree as to its correctness, the same shall be taken as if it had been filed by the secretary.

153 In all cases, which shall not have been referred to the Judicial Commission, the presiding officer shall appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to take charge of all of the records and papers in the case, examine the same thoroughly and

1. Report whether or not the appeal is regular and ready for hearing.

- 2. Propose to the judicatory the date and hour when the appeal shall be heard.
- 3. Fix the time to be granted each party to present the case.
- 154 When the time appointed for the hearing of an appeal shall arrive, it shall have precedence over all other business and then shall be heard and decided unless the judicatory shall decide otherwise.
- 155 Neither the appellant nor the members of the judicatory appealed from shall have voice or vote in the case in any of the judicatories of the Church.
- 156 The necessary effect of an appeal is to stay all previous proceedings.

ARTICLE IV.

JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF A SYNOD

157 A Synod may appoint a Special Judicial Commission to whom it may transmit any reference or any judicial or administrative case for hearing and decision, and in respect of which the Judicial Commission shall be governed by the same rules as the Synod in a like case. It shall bring in a report of its finding to the Synod, and, if the Synod shall approve the report by a majority vote, it shall be the decision of the Synod. The expenses of the Commission shall be guaranteed by the Synod.

ARTICLE V.

JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

158 The General Synod shall elect a permanent Judicial Commission, which shall consist of seven ministers and six lay members, who shall serve for a period of two years. The term of the members

of the Commission shall begin with the close of the meeting of the General Synod at which they are elected. The General Synod may transmit to this Commission any reference, or judicial or administrative case for hearing and decision.

- 159 The Commission shall elect from its own members a chairman and secretary and in the cases transmitted to it, shall have the powers prescribed by and conduct its proceedings in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and by-laws governing the trial of such cases before the General Synod.
- 160 Seven members of the Commission, of whom four shall be ministers, shall constitute a quorum. The Commission shall meet during the session of the General Synod to hear such matters as are referred to it, and shall determine the regularity of all the papers, and shall consider the question or questions at issue, and shall then by majority vote come to a decision on each case. It shall be governed by the same rules as the General Synod in a like case, and shall bring in a report of its finding to the General Synod and, if the General Synod shall approve the report by a majority vote, it shall be the final decision of the General Synod.
- 161 Important interests at stake, that are likely to suffer by delay between the meetings of the General Synod, may be heard by the Judicial Commission during the interval as though the General Synod were in session, if the Commission so decides. In such case at least thirty days' notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be given to the parties of the reference, complaint or appeal. The necessary expenses of the Commission in such cases shall be paid by the parties requesting the meeting; but the General Synod shall advance the payment of the same.

ARTICLE VI.

RESTORATION

162 Members of the Church, deacons, deaconesses, elders, candidates for the ministry or ministers who are under discipline may be reinstated either by the judicatory which disciplined them, or with its consent by a coordinate judicatory, if the evidence of their repentance and amendment is satisfactory.

2. Overtures, Resolutions and Review of the Minutes

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee on these matters reports that, from a careful examination of all the documents referred to it, 48 items have been found that should receive the General Synod's consideration and action. These items are listed in the order in which the General Synod took action.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul S. Leinbach, Chairman R. F. Richter, Secretary Charles Enders S. D. Press Reuben R. Elliker William F. Ginder Herman F. Vogel Charles E. Heintzelman Herman A. Hundt Fred C. Stange

The foregoing Committee made report through Dr. Paul S. Leinbach, Chairman, at intervals beginning on Thursday afternoon and concluding on Wednesday. The items of the report are listed in order noting the general content of each. The action taken by the General Synod then follows. The Overtures, etc., in their complete form are on file in the office of the Stated Clerk for reference and fuller information, if needed.

- 1. (a) Apportionments for the next biennium for the Board of Christian Education.
 - (b) Unification of this Work.
 - (c) Joint approval and action of the Boards concerned.

This item was referred to the Committee on Christian Education. See its report.

2. Apportionments for agencies not under the control of the General Synod.

This item, as found in the Report of the Board of Christian Education, was approved.

3. The "Messenger" to be the official organ of the church with the transfer of financial responsibility to the General Synod.

4. The "Friedensbote" and the "Kirchenzeitung" to be the official German organs of the church.

Items 3 and 4 were referred to a Special Committee which reported on Wednesday. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Special Committee on Church Papers

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

There was referred to this Committee a joint overture of the Board of Christian Education and the Eden Publishing House asking General Synod to assume the financial responsibility of editing The Messenger, also an overture from the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod to make Der Friedensbote the official German paper of the church, and also an overture from a group of brethren concerning the Kirchenzeitung.

The Committee met and organized for the consideration of these matters with Rev. Paul Press as chairman and Rev. J. P. Alden as secretary.

After due consideration, the Committee recommends the following:

- 1. That Der Friedensbote and the Kirchenzeitung be designated jointly as the official German organ of the church, looking forward to the time when these two publications shall be merged, and urging them to complete such merging at the earliest practicable time.
- 2. That the present arrangement concerning *The Messenger* and *Der Friedensbote* continue during the transition period until the completion of the merger of these two Boards and that the General Synod then shall assume and designate the financial responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Press J. O. Reagle J. P. Alden Wm. J. Riemann John Price C. D. Fischer

5. Requests mutually agreed upon with reference to Pensions and Ministerial Relief.

This item was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Relief. See said report for action taken.

6. Actions jointly agreed upon by the two Boards of Foreign Missions for the conduct of their work co-operatively in the immediate future.

This item was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions. See its report for action taken.

7. Ownership and Control of Camp Mensch Mill.

This item was referred to the Committee on Christian Education. See its report.

8. Central Publishing House financial problems. (See Report of the Executive Committee of the General Synod.)

This item, together with *Item 33*, was referred to a Special Committee which reported on both references. Its report was adopted as follows:

Report of the Special Committee on Central Publishing House DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The following items have been referred to the committe:

1. Page 7 and 8 of the Blue Book.

2. Overture of the Board of Directors of Central Publishing House.

I. Your committee recommends that the General Synod refer this matter concerning Central Publishing House to the Executive Committee of General Synod with directions to appoint a special committee of 12 members consisting of 3 members of the Board of Christian Education of the "R" group, 3 members of the Board of Publication of the "E" group, and 3 members from the Synods owning Central Publishing House together with representatives of any other interests connected therewith. This committee shall have full power to act.

II. We recommend that the Board of Directors of Central Publishing House be instructed to secure the consent of the constituent Synods now owning Central Publishing House.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. E. M. DeBuhr Rev. W. J. Krieger Rev. W. G. Weiss Rev. O. B. Moor Rev. Wm. Huber Rev. Otto Kienker Rev. G. W. Grauer Rev. W. H. Schlinkmann Mr. J. W. Mueller Mr. H. A. Schultheis

9. Requests from the Synod of the Northwest with reference to the method of ratifying the Constitution for the merged Church.

This item was tabled until the Committee on Constitution shall

have made its report.

10. Requests from the Synod of the Northwest for a feasible plan of adjustment of pastors' salaries.

This item was referred to a Special Committee to report to the

next General Synod. (This Committee to be appointed later.)

11. Requesting a Catechetical Manual with specified characteristics. This item was referred to the Committee on Christian Education. See its report.

12. Requests from Goshenhoppen, South Dakota and Eureka Clas-

sis to reconsider the Merger.

This item was tabled indefinitely.

13. Requests from Milwaukee and Reading Classes for a gradual process in merging.

14. Request from Nebraska Classis to appoint a new Committee on Constitution.

Action on items 13 and 14 was tabled until the Committee on Constitution has reported.

15. Overture from Goshenhoppen Classis on New Liturgy and Hymnal.

This item was tabled until the Committees on Liturgy and Hymnal make report.

16. Request from Iowa Classis for action that shall protect our churches from being used for war propaganda.

This item was referred to the Committee on Social Action. See report of the Committee.

17. Requests from Michigan and Texas Districts for an adequate budget for a Joint Commission on Christian Social Action.

This item was referred to the Committee on Social Action. See its report.

18. Petition from Missouri District to retract action taken in 1934 with reference to fire and storm insurance service.

This item was referred to the Committee on this agency.

19. Overture from Nebraska Classis with reference to meeting financial deficits of the Board of Home Missions.

This item was referred to the Committee on Home Missions. See report.

20. Recommendation from the Pacific Northwest District that the Work of the Historical Commission be adequately provided for in the united Church.

This item was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

21. Overture from West Susquehanna Classis with reference to the Sustentation Fund of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

This item was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Relief.

22. Overture from Zion's Classis with reference to invitations for future meetings of the General Synod.

On this item the General Synod took the following action:

"In order that the General Synod may avoid any difficulty in meeting in churches not able to offer adequate facilities, be it resolved: That, any invitations to the General Synod be submitted to the Executive Committee three months prior to the meeting of the General Synod; such invitations to be carefully considered by the Executive Committee and then submitted to the General Synod, with or without recommendation, to be then acted on by the General Synod."

At this time the question whether invitations from hotels, resorts, etc., should be considered, was also referred to the Executive Com-

mittee.

23. Invitation from Zion's Reformed Church, York, Pa., to the General Synod for 1938.

This item, together with any other invitations which may be given, was referred to the Executive Committee to make later recommendation.

24. Overture from the Hungarian Classes on the formation of a Hungarian Synod.

This item was tabled until that section of the report of the Committee on Constitution is under consideration.

With reference to the Hungarian Work, President Richards ruled on Tuesday afternoon that the Tiffin Agreement continues in force.

25. Overture from the Missouri District on uniting the work of the Church, concurred in by the Atlantic, Iowa and Texas Districts.

This overture was adopted as follows:

In order that the splendid spirit of unity which was engendered by the inauguration of the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church may not languish, and

In order that the two branches of the Church may not become oppressed with a false sense of the importance of superficial differences in their respective modes of operation,

Therefore, the Missouri District urges that the responsible persons

in both branches of the Church now charged with the task of bringing the merger to actual consummation and with the duty of integrating the work of the corresponding denominational boards, bend every effort to authorize and actually establish the work of the united Church on a united basis.

It is the conviction of the Missouri District that a prolonged dual organization is both contrary to the spirit of the merger as well as detrimental to the effective conduct of the work of the Church of Jesus Christ.

26. From the Synod of the Northwest and Tohickon, Ursinus, Missouri-Kansas, Minnesota and Lehigh Classes on changes in the Constitution.

This item was tabled until action shall have been taken on the Report of the Committee on Constitution.

27. From Milwaukee Classis with reference to an organization for boys.

This item was referred to the Committee on Christian Education. See report.

28. From Sheboygan Classis on the Hymnal and the Book of Worship.

This item was tabled until these Committees make report.

29. From Sheboygan and Ursinus Classes on the salaries of pastors. This item was referred to the Special Committee on Equalization of Ministers' Salaries. (See *Item 10*.)

30. From Eureka Classis with reference to cancellation of a portion of its Contingent Fund obligation.

This item was referred to the Executive Committee.

31. From Chicago Classis with reference to the New Statistical Blanks.

This item was referred to the Executive Committee.

32. From the Lincoln Classis and the Nebraska District with reference to their new Synodical boundaries.

This item was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Charter, having charge of this matter.

33. From the Board of Directors of the Central Publishing House. This item was referred to the Special Committee on the Central Publishing House. See its report under *Item 8*.

34. On the relation of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip to the Men's Organizations in the church.

This item was referred to the Committee on Auxiliary Organizations.

35. On military methods in use at Massanutten Academy.

This item was referred to the Virginia Classis since the Massanutten Academy is not under the jurisdiction of the General Synod.

36. From the officers of the Board of Ministerial Relief with reference to the trust funds.

This item was referred to a Special Committee. It made report to

the General Synod on Monday evening. After consideration a motion finally prevailed to eliminate paragraph "g" of Item 94 on page 37 of the Constitution as it was originally presented to the General Synod.

37. A communication with reference to C. C. C. Camps from the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains.

This item was referred to the Committee on Home Missions. See

its report.

38. A communication from the National Women's Christian Temperance Union on co-operation in the observance of the Francis Willard Centenary.

This item was referred to the Executive Committee with power to

act.

39. A communication from F. C. Lusty of Northampton, England, asking for the General Synod's co-operation in counteracting the present inroads of human slavery.

This item was referred to the Committee on Christianity and

Social Problems.

40. Overture from the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod to meet in a church of the "E" group in 1938.

This item was referred to the Executive Committee.

41. A communication from the Federal Council of Churches on denominational representation in that body.

This item was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

42. An overture on the annual appropriation for the Federal Council of Churches.

This item was tabled until the report of the Federal Council shall have been made.

43. A communication inviting the General Synod to hold its next regular sessions in the St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, Columbus, Ohio.

This item was referred to the Executive Committee. On motion, instruction was given to include the names of the two inviting churches on the ballot so that the place for the next meeting may be decided by the vote of the General Synod.

44. An overture from the Lord's Day Alliance. This item was unanimously adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, That the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Session in Fort Wayne, Ind., June 16, 1936, conscious of the growing disregard for the sanctity of the Lord's Day and the increasing tendency to commercialize Sunday, calls upon the Churches and Pastors to do all within their power to protect and preserve the Christian Sabbath, so vital to the welfare of Home, Church and the Nation.

RESOLVED. That in accord with other evangelical bodies we call upon our Churches to devote the first Sabbath after Easter Sunday or nearest convenient Sunday, to the claims of the Lord's Day, the proper observance of the day and an intelligent consideration of

adverse Sunday conditions with a view to securing their correction.

Resolved, That we assure the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States of our appreciation of their zealous endeavors for the safe-guarding of the sanctity of the Sabbath and the protecting of the rest-giving blessings of Sunday; we congratulate the Alliance on the success which has attended their efforts, and request our churches to co-operate heartily with and contribute as generously as possible to the Alliance; and we commend Rev. George W. Richards, D.D., for election as honorary Vice-president of the Alliance and Rev. Urban C. Gutelius, D.D., and Rev. Titus Lehmann for membership in the Board of Managers of the Alliance.

45. On reorganizing temperance forces and agencies.

This item was adopted and referred as follows:

Inasmuch as the Executive Committee in its report stated that the Anti-Saloon League had several times requested the co-operation of our Church in the efforts made during the past few years to reorganize the temperance forces of our country to fight more effectively the liquor traffic with its attendant evils and the Executive Committee felt that it had no authority from the General Synod;

And inasmuch as the General Synod has already referred to the Executive Committee the request of the W. C. T. U. for co-operation

in its program;

We therefore recommend that the General Synod refer this matter to the Executive Committee and authorize it to represent the General Synod in co-operation with other Christian denominations in any feasible and practical reorganization of the temperance forces and agencies of the nation.

46. An overture with reference to the relocation of pastors which

was adopted as follows:

Until the new Constitution can go into effect the pastors of either group who seek charges in the other group are requested to govern themselves by the mode of procedure prevailing in the District or Classis in which the vacant charge to which they aspire is located. The Presidents of the Classes and the Districts are instructed to inform the pastors within their jurisdiction of the action of the General Synod and urge them to observe this courtesy in applying for a vacant charge.

Louis C. F. Miller, J. H. Overbeck.

47. An overture on material in *The Messenger*. This item was referred to the Board of Christian Education.

48. An overture on the preparation in advance of the report of the Committee on Overtures which was adopted as follows:

RESOLVED: That the Chairman of the Committee on Overtures be appointed from the delegates to the General Synod, thirty days before its meeting in order that he may be able to correlate in advance all

information on items that should be included in this report to the General Synod in a unified way.

On Tuesday afternoon, preceding the adoption of the Constitution as a whole, the overture of the Reading Classis, together with all other overtures in this report bearing on the Constitution were taken from the table and ordered to be marked "attended to." The Report of the Committee on Overtures was then finally adopted as a whole.

3. Home Missions

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS (Reformed)

To the General Synod:

In presenting its first formal report to the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church wishes to express its gratitude first of all to the Great Head of the Church for His gracious guidance and to the pastors and congregations for their continued interest and cooperation in the cause which is such a vital factor in the life of the Church. The present report covers a period of two years from January 1934 to January 1936. The Board has been duly mindful of the great responsibility which it shares with other agencies of the Church in the extension of the Kingdom of God and in the Christianization of the areas of life in America. Its efforts in this direction, however, were somewhat restricted, not because of any lack of vision on its part but because of the failure of the Church at large to measure up to expectations. Instead of launching forth upon an aggressive program, the Board was obliged to devote most of its planning and activity to its financial aspects in order to save both itself and the Churches committed to its care. In the course of the economic depression, during which many secular enterprises have failed, the Board has safely weathered the storm and has not lost a single Church property through foreclosure. This, however, has been done largely at the expense of the salaries voted to its missionaries. This partial payment of its appropriations to the missionaries has given the Board deep concern. It has put forth special efforts to raise the amount of these arrearages but has not met with complete success. The Board has now launched another effort to raise sufficient money to pay these back salaries and other pressing obligations in the banks. The plan provides for the securing of 20,000 members who will contribute \$1.00 per month for a period of ten months. If this plan can be successfully carried out, it will bring \$200,000 into the Board's treasury, which is sufficient to care for the debt in its current account.

PERSONNEL OF THE BOARD

By action of the General Synod in 1934, the personnel of the Board was continued the same as immediately before the merger.

Elected for six-year terms:

1932-38—Rev. Charles E. Miller, D.D., LL.D., President 1929-35—Rev. Frederick C. Seitz, D.D., Vice-President

1932-38—Rev. Purd E. Deitz, Recording Secretary 1929-35—Rev. Calvin M. DeLong, D.D.

1932-38—Rev. Allan S. Meck, D.D.

1929-35—Rev. Henry Nevin Kerst, D.D. 1929-35—Rev. Josias Friedli, D.D.

1932-38-Rev. David Dunn

1929-35-Elder Emory L. Coblentz, LL.D.

1932-38-Elder Maurice G. Lipson 1932-38—Elder Tillman K. Saylor 1929-35—Elder Charles S. Adams

The first five constitute the Executive Committee.

The Staff consists of:

Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D.D., General Secretary

Rev. William F. DeLong, D.D., Treasurer and Superintendent of the Church Building Department

Rev. John C. Horning, D.D., Superintendent of the Central West Department

Rev. Theodore P. Bolliger, D.D., Superintendent of the Department of the Northwest

Rev. Edward F. Evemeyer, D.D., serves as Superintendent of the Department of the Pacific Coast without salary from the Board

Elder Bruce A. Metzger, Attorney

Upon the death of Mr. Wise, the Rev. William F. DeLong, D.D., who has been associated with the Board since 1926, first as Field Secretary and later as Superintendent of the Church Building Department, was elected as Treasurer in January 1935.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Missions on the Roll, January 1, 1936	168
Workers supported	124
Mission churches contributed toward current expenses 1935\$171	,938
Mission churches contributed toward benevolences 1935 21	.052

It will be observed that the missions in the year 1935 have raised for benevolences \$21,052. In addition to this, the self-supporting churches to whom the Board has loaned money, have raised \$20,152, a total of \$41,204, which came back to the Church in general through the work made possible by the investments of the Board.

PRESENT ROLL OF MISSIONS

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No. of	Member-	S. S. En-	By Bd. of
Missions	ship	rollment	Home Missions
Ohio Synod 8	1,908	1,191	\$ 5,020.00
Midwest Synod 9	1,288	1,172	5,220.00
Pittsburgh Synod 7	933	1,236	4,142.50
Potomac Synod 12	1,802	1,285	5,025.00
Eastern Synod 16	2,897	2,634	7,240.00
Dept. of the Northwest . 56	3,177	5,445	17,358.00
Dept. of the Pacific Coast 4	238	164	4,997.50
Hungarian 47	1,471	1,536	19,150.00
Bohemian 1	85	59	800.00
160	13,799	14,722	\$68,953.00

Nationalities served: English, German, Hungarian, Japanese, Bohemian and Indian.

Number of Missions which went to self-support since last report, 15. Seventeenth Avenue Community, Denver, Colo., April 1, 1934.

First, Omaha, Nebraska, July 1, 1934.

Tabor, Philadelphia, Pa., January 1, 1935.

Rosedale-Temple, Pa., January 1, 1935.

Sabillasville, Md., January 1, 1935.

Emmanuel, Allentown, Pa., January 1, 1935.

Grace, Buffalo, N. Y., January 1, 1936. Belleville, Paoli and Albany, Wis., January 1, 1936.

Flint, Mich., January 1, 1936. Wabasha, Minn., January 1, 1936. Third, Greensburg, Pa., January 1, 1936. Kannapolis, N. C., January 1, 1936.

Missions enrolled during the biennium:

First-St. Stephen's, Baltimore, Md. Salem and St. Paul's, Altoona, Pa.

The following missionaries and workers departed this life during the last two years:

Rev. O. P. Foust, June 11, 1934—spent greater part of his ministry as a Home Missionary and brought Lowell Church, Canton, Ohio, of which he was the founder, to self-support.

Rev. Andrew Urban, July 3, 1934—Hungarian Missionary, Westside-Buffalo and Tonawanda, N. Y.

Miss Bessie Y. Stewart, who served as Secretary to the General Secretary for 26 years and who had the work closely at heart, died August 1, 1934.

Mr. Joseph S. Wise, departed this life October 21, 1934. He served as the faithful and efficient Treasurer of the Board from October 1911, a period of 23 years. During the greater part of this time he also served as the Superintendent of the Church Building Department.

Rev. Eugene Boros, October 24, 1934. Though his mission had gone to self-support, he served all his ministry as a missionary under the Board. Rev. Ladislaus Tegze, December 5, 1934. Pastor emeritus Hungarian

Mission, Passaic, N. J.

Rev. David J. Wolf, December 31, 1934 at Homestead, Pa.

Rev. R. Franklin Main, February 5, 1935 at Brunswick, Md. He served practically all his ministry as a missionary under the Board.

Rev. Frederick Mayer, D.D., President for many years of the Department of the Northwest, died June 20, 1935.

Rev. Bela Csontos, June 29, 1935. He served the Lorain Hungarian mission and brought it to self-support.

Rev. F. A. Rittershaus, August 30, 1935—Missionary in South Dakota. Rev. Charles Krivulka, October 17, 1935—served Hungarian Church, Johnstown Pa

Mrs. J. Mori, April 19, 1936—San Francisco, Cal. Rev. Julius M. Hanko, April 20, 1936—Milwaukee, Wis.

DEPARTMENTS

- 1. Of the East—This includes the missions in the Eastern, Potomac, and Pittsburgh Synods. The supervision of the work is centered in the main office of the Board.
- 2. Of the Central West—This includes the missions in the Ohio and Midwest Synods and is supervised by Superintendent Rev. John C. Horning, D.D., with headquarters at St. Joseph, Mo.
- 3. Of the Northwest—This includes the missions in the Synod of the Northwest under the supervision of Superintendent Rev. Theodore P. Bolliger, D.D., with headquarters at Madison, Wisconsin. This department is definitely organized and is incorporated and functions not only through the general supervision but also through a Church Erection Fund Board which administers funds aggregating \$210,465 of which \$199,554 is loaned to missions in the department. Under this department also must be included the Indian Mission at Black River Falls and the Indian School at Neillsville, Wis., both of which are in charge of Rev. Ben Stucki, with the assistance of Evangelist John Stacy. This mission and school are ministering to the Winnebago Indians. At Black River Falls there is an organized Indian congregation and at Neillsville the school ministers to more than

100 Indian children. The main support of this mission and school is supplied by the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.

- 4. Pacific Coast—This department includes all of the work which we have in California. Rev. Edward F. Evemeyer, D.D., serves as the Superintendent without salary from the Board. It is a most cosmopolitan type of work, including English, Japanese and Hungarian work. In this department Rev. J. Mori also serves as a traveling missionary among the Japanese on the Pacific Coast.
- 5. Immigrant—The supervision of this department is conducted from the central office and includes the work among the Hungarians, the Czechs and the Harbor Mission.

(a) Hungarian

There are 80 Hungarian congregations in connection with the Reformed Church. 47 of these are missions. Our Hungarian Churches are facing the problem of adjusting themselves to the second and third generation. Many of our Hungarian pastors are meeting the situation by the introduction of English into the Sunday Schools and Young People's organizations. The Board is supporting a Hungarian professor in our educational institutions at Lancaster, Pa. 27 young men are at present attending these institutions.

(b) Czech

We have one mission among the Czechs at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in charge of Rev. Frank Helmich. The mission owns a splendid property, consisting of Church and parsonage and is reaching a much larger constituency of Bohemians than its membership would indicate.

(c) Harbor Mission at New York

This is in charge of Dr. Paul H. Land, who has served as missionary at the port of entry in New York City for a period of 30 years. He ministers mostly to German speaking immigrants and emigrants, as well as to other people who seek his services. Dr. Land publishes "Der Einwandererfreund" through which he keeps in touch with the German constituency of our Church

- 6. Country Life—This department is conducted from the central office. Inasmuch as there is no full time worker in charge of this work, the services of pastors in charge of rural congregations are occasionally enlisted. Dr. Paul D. Yoder, Codorus, Pa., delivers a course of lectures and is employed as instructor in Rural Sociology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. Rev. C. J. Snyder, Mulberry, Indiana, delivered a course of lectures in the former Central Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, until its merger with the Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo. The Rev. Russell D. Custer, Milltown, N. J., is the representative of the Board in its relation to the Rural Life Department of the Home Missions Council. The demonstration center at Lytton-Ai, Ohio, in charge of Rev. and Mrs. C. I. Lau, is another phase of Home Mission work related to this department. The property, consisting of a farm with suitable dwellings, is owned by the Board of Home Missions. The supervision of the work, however, is under the care of the Ohio Synod.
- 7. Evangelism—This department is also conducted from the central office and functions largely through Synodical and Classical committees. For some years, Dr. Rufus C. Zartman was the Superintendent of the department. While Dr. Zartman receives no further support from the Board, he is available for services wherever pastors may desire the same.
- 8. Church Building—This department is in charge of Rev. William F. DeLong, D.D., as Superintendent. It concerns itself chiefly with the building of churches and parsonages for the missions. During the years it has accumulated a considerable amount of money which has been invested in Church properties or loaned to mission congregations and congregations

which have since become self-supporting. The chief problem of the Board at present lies in this department. Its funds invested in Church properties were intended to be in the nature of a revolving fund but its operations have been greatly handicapped by reason of the fact that the return payments are so slow and so small. This department has assisted hundreds of churches in the erection of their buildings and has been a vital factor in developing the missionary work of the Church.

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS

These Funds, consisting of \$500 and more each, were started in 1886. The Board, up to January 1, 1936, has 1,261 Church-building Funds, totaling \$849,638 of which amount \$189,982 must be deducted for Gift Church-building Funds which have been given to missions as specified by the donors, leaving \$659,656 as the value of the Loan Church-building Funds.

The Church-building Funds received from January 1932 to January 1936. (Numbering continued from the list published in Minutes of the General Synod 1932.)

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1152—The	Noah N. Rosenberger (Gift)	\$1,000
	W. M. S. G. S	500
1154—The	W. M. S. G. S	500
	Christian and Magdelena Siebert	1,000
	W. M. S. G. S	500
	W. M. S. G. S	500
1158—The	.W. M. S. G. S	500
	W. M. S. G. S	500
	W. M. S. G. S	500
1161—The	W. M. S. G. S	500
	W. M. S. G. S	500
	W. M. S. G. S	500
	Sue Crum Summey	500
	Mary Summey Hottle	1,000
1166—The	W. M. S. G. S	500
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	W. M. S. G. S	500
1169—The	W. M. S. G. S	500
	W. M. S. G. S	500
	Elizabeth Fought Von Blon	500
	W. M. S. G. S	500
	Lula Orveda Koch	500
	Dr. A. F. and Elizabeth (Strassburger) Shelly	500
	William Sunday	500
	Rev. Dr. Atvill and Oda N. Conner	500
	James and Catherine Hawkins	500 500
	Adaline Matilda and Clara Doll (Gift)	2,000
	Rev. Sefellen E. and Blanche C. Stofflett	500
	Ephraim Cornman	500
	Catharine Cornman	500
	John W., Catherine H. Peterson	500
	W. M. S. G. S	500
	Maria C. Bobb	500
	John and Susan Smith	500
	Louese Robinson	500
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1188—The	Louese Robinson	500
	Joseph and Rachel Stickell.	500
	Katherine A., M. Belle and John Nevin Stickell	500
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HOME MISSIONS

1192—The Catharine K. Bealler	1,500
1193—The Rev. Charles H. and Sarah T. Slinghoff	500
1194—The George L. and Julia A. Moorhead	500
1195—The Charles Edmund Schaeffer	500
1196—The First Reformed Sunday School, Zenia, O	500
1197—The Oliver H. Sensenig	1,000
1198—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1199—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1200—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1201—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1202—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1203—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1204—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1205—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1206—The Adrian C. and Alforetta R. McCardell	500
1207—The Rev. Jacob F. and Mary C. Wiant	
1207—The Rev. Jacob F. and Mary C. Wiant	500
1208—The Jacob and Hannah Wiant and Andrew and Catharine	500
McGinnis	500
1209—The Mary Susan Faust (Memorial)	500
1210—The Guy Bittenbender	500
1211—The John S. and Atoinette Yeager	1,000
1212—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1213—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1214—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1215—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1216—The Susanna Meily and Emma Meily Heilman	500
1217—The Emma M. Spangler	500
1218—The Milton T. Hess	500
1219—The Louisa C. R. Kemp.	1,000
1220—The Daniel Leader	500
1221—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift	500
1222—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1223—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift)	500
1224—The W. M. S. G. S	500
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1230—The W. M. S. G. S	500
1231—The W. M. S. G. S.	500
1232—The David's Reformed Sunday School, Canal Winchester, O	500
1233—The W. M. S. G. S	500
1234—The Rev. Dr. U. Henry and Emma Meily Heilman	600
1235—The John and Catharine Heilman	500
1236—The John Henry and Elizabeth Heilman	500
1237—The W. M. S. G. S	500
1238—The W. M. S. G. S	500
1239—The James A. Sechler	500
1240—The Mrs. Harriet Davis	500
1241—The Samuel Achenbach	500
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1242—The Boush-Hawk	
1243—The Andrew H. Smith	500
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1249—The Mercersburg Missionary Classical. 500 1250—The Anna M. Blessing (Gift). 500
1251—The Edward D. and Elizabeth S. Zimmerman 500
1252—The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer (Gift of W. M. S. G. S.) 1,000
1253—The W. M. S. G. S
1254—The W. M. S. G. S
1255—The W. M. S. G. S
1256—The W. M. S. G. S
1257—The Charles T. and Ann C. Stonebraker Hamilton 500
1258—The John Longsdorf and Jennie Longsdorf 1,000
1259—The Elsie M. Livingood
1260—The John Heller Crawn
1261—The Mrs. Agnes M. Bitner (Memorial Gift) 500
(Complete information regarding each Fund is on file in the office of
the Board.)
LEGACIES
From 1887 to 1934\$322,949.48
From 1934 to 1936
21,000.00

From 1887 to 1934	\$322,949.48
From 1934 to 1936	21,835.99
Total	\$344,785.47
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, GENERAL AND CH	URCH BUILDING DEPARTMENTS
From 1826 to 1934	\$9,306,440.00 554,087.05
Total	\$9,860,527.05

HOME MISSION DAY

In accordance with the instructions of the General Synod, the Board has been devoting the second Sunday of November of each year to a special emphasis on Home Missions throughout the Reformed Church. It has made special appeals to the Church to contribute sufficient funds to pay the salary arrearages to its missionaries. In 1934, the amount realized was \$21,500; in 1935, \$15,000; in 1936 this special day is to mark the culmination of the special effort which the Board is putting forth to raise the full amount of its current indebtedness already referred to in this report.

COOPERATIVE WORK

Missionary Education—conducted jointly by the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education and by the Woman's Missionary Society, and is in charge of Mr. Charles M. LeGalley. This department looks after the Mission Study Classes, Summer Missionary Conferences and the stimulation of missionary interest throughout the Church.

"The Outlook of Missions."—The Board is cooperating with the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod in the publication of "The Outlook of Missions" which is the only missionary periodical for the denomination.

Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.—The Board is under many obligations to this organization for the service which it renders the cause of Home Missions. This organization has been supporting the following deaconesses and other workers:

Miss Elizabeth Nanassy, Hungarian, Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Paul Daroczy, Hungarian, Detroit, Mich. Miss Gertrude E. Gorombey, Hungarian, E. Chicago, Ind. Miss Anna Melegh, Hungarian, Homestead, Pa.

Miss Sarah Kalassay, Hungarian, Lorain, Ohio.

Miss Anna Bogar, Hungarian, McKeesport, Pa. Miss Lillian Sopko, Hungarian, New York City. Mrs. Irene T. Nagy, Hungarian, Toledo, Ohio. Miss Elizabeth Kish, Memorial Church, Toledo, Ohio.

They also supported the Director of Religious Education at San Francisco and are supporting the Indian School at Neillsville, Wisconsin, Rev. Ben Stucki, Mr. John Stacy, Rev. J. Paul Kehm at First-St. Stephen's Church, Baltimore, Md., and the Harbor Missionary at New York City. They have made substantial contributions in the form of Church-building Funds and in other ways, and have thus proven themselves an indispensable factor in the support of the program of the Board. Two of its members serve as advisory members of the Board and attend practically every meeting. Their counsel is of great value in planning the comprehensive work of the Board

Correlation and Promotion.—The Board of Home Missions cooperates with the Committee on Correlation and Promotion of the Executive Committee of the General Synod. This committee plans a unified program of the Church, prepares suitable literature and visual education, the Kingdom Roll Call and stimulates the Missionary and Stewardship Committees in the Synods and Classes.

Home Missions Council.—The Board of Home Missions has been actively identified with the Home Missions Council ever since its organization in 1908. This Council is at present making a thoroughgoing study of Churches receiving financial aid from the Board of Home Missions of various denominations operating in the same territory. This study is made for the purpose of overcoming unfriendly rivalry and competition as far as possible and bringing the whole enterprise upon a far more effective and cooperative basis.

Board for Home Missions of the Evangelical Synod.—A full report of this cooperative work appears elsewhere as a joint report from the two Secretaries.

COMMISSION ON SOCIAL SERVICE

The Commission on Social Service, which is appointed by the Board of Home Missions, consists of the following members:

Prof. E. E. Kresge, Chairman, Rev. David Dunn, Rev. C. J. Snyder, Rev. John Sommerlatte, Elder J. Franklin Meyer, Miss Ruth Gillan.

The Commission, however, is cooperating with the Social Service Committees in the respective Synods and these Synodical Committees have made strong deliverances to their respective bodies on modern, social, economic and national problems. The Commission has had several meetings with the members of the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems of the Evangelical Synod; they have formed the Joint Commission on Christian Social Action of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. A full report of this Joint Commission will be made to the General Synod.

THE MEMORIAL CHURCH AT CHATEAU THIERRY

In accordance with the instructions of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, its Treasurer, Mr. Milton Warner, transferred to the Board of Home Missions \$5,200, which is to be kept in trust by the Board, the proceeds of which are to be used for needed repairs in this Memorial Church. The financial statement is as follows:

Balance as shown by previous report dated 12/31/33\$,200.00
Interest added for period 5/1/33 to 5/1/34	545.00
Cash received 9/30/34	474.06

Balance of Trust Fund\$6,219.06

THE BUDGET

The following Budget was submitted to the Executive Committee of the General Synod. It has been carefully scrutinized and every item has been reduced to a minimum. It represents the amount which the Board should have annually in order to take care of its present work and make some provision for the reduction of its indebtedness. We submit this Budget in itemized form with the request that it be accepted and efforts be put forth to pay it in full.

Annual Budget for 1937 and 1938

Salaries and Appropriations to Missionaries	
Interest General Fund	. 10,000.00
Interest Annuities, General Fund	
Interest, Church Building Fund	. 50,000.00
Interest Annuities, Church Building Fund	7,000.00
Rent	
Office Expenses	
Board Meetings	
Travel	
Printing	
Promotional Work	
Premiums	
Grants and Special Appropriations	
Audit	
Interdenominational Work	
Intradenominational Work	
Social Service	
Country Life	
Principal of Debt	
I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	. 50,000.00
Total	\$350 518 00
TOTAL	. 4000,010.00

The Report of the Treasurer, Wm. F. DeLong, from January 1, 1934, to January 1, 1936

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

Cash Balance, January 1, 1934	\$ 4,604.24
Apportionments	
W. M. S. of G. S	33,203.95
Home Mission Days	34,833.61
Debt Reduction Fund	50,825.04
Miscellaneous Specials	34,665.63
Total	\$350,518.00
	\$453,714.23

DISBURSEMENTS

Appropriations to Church Building Fund	55,342.50
Loans & Transfers to Church Building Fund	41,171.33
Paid on Account of Missionary Salaries, including	
Staff & Office Force	239,226.76
Special Appropriations & Grants	21,176.60
Home Mission Day Expenses	2,216.45
Commission on Social Service, etc	398.58
The Lapja	1,653.40
Missionary Education	621.43
Debt Reduction Fund	18,955.04
Interest Paid on Notes	19,152.78

Interest Paid on Annuity Bonds Interdenominational Home Missions Council Paid on Notes Executive & Departmental Expenses (not including Salaries) Miscellaneous Expenses Total Cash Disbursements Cash Balance, January 1, 1936		
ousi summer, summary 1, 1990	11,100.02	
CHURCH BUILDING FUND		
RECEIPTS		
Cash Balance, January 1, 1934 Undesignated Legacies		
	\$188,812.69	
Interest Paid on Notes	8,953.01 28,755.68 3,541.00 4,694.67 1,061.02 300.00 5,871.42 66.00 3,800.00 3,350.00 33,093.55 3,532.07 52,760.47 3,767.72 322.46 793.81	
Cash Balance, January 1, 1936	\$ 214.65	

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET-DECEMBER 31, 1935

ASSETS

Cash in Bank & on Hand (General Fund & Church	
Building Fund)	3 12,011.27
Cash in Bank (Debt Reduction Fund)	215.74
Notes Receivable	3,500.00
Advances to Churches	1,382,686.07
Stocks of Corporations & Other Securities	2,529.22
Real Estate Owned	325,300.00
Post Mortuary Notes	3,500.00
Office Furniture & Fixtures	1,000.00
Advances for Traveling Expenses	334.69
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Total Assets\$1,731,076.99

LIABILITIES

Salaries Unpaid\$	120,311.24
Notes Payable	543,843.14
Loans from Churches	39,987.69
Home Mission Day Balances Unpaid	12,280.30
National Service Commission Trust Fund	6,219.06
Church Building Gift Funds Undistributed	1,000.00
Registered Bonds & Notes Payable	203,727.82
Post Mortuary Note Fund	
Coupon Bonds	359,800.00

Audited and found correct, December 31, 1935.

Robert J. Bennett, C. P. A.

Conclusion

The foregoing recital of activities and data reveals the fact that the Board has never slackened its zeal and effort to render the greatest possible service to the Church with the means which the Church provides. We can, however, go only so far and so fast as the Church makes it possible for us to go. We, therefore, ask for the fullest cooperation on the part of ministers and members of the Church in order that this work may be carried successfully forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Miller, President, Charles E. Schaeffer, General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR HOME MISSIONS (Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

The two year period covered by this report is just 100 years later than the beginning years of our Evangelical pioneers Herman Garlichs in Warren County, Mo., and Jacob J. Riess in Centerville, Illinois. In poverty and with a high scorn for the material comforts of this world our fathers laid a deeply spiritual foundation for the church which they founded. A rich heritage of faith and Kingdom devotion has come down to us from

them and their successors, which the Board for Home Missions has sought conscientiously to carry forward both in the direct work of winning and building up souls into the church of our Lord, and in the cultivation in our entire membership of intelligent concern for the spiritual welfare of the people. The Lord of the Church has graciously blessed our church in her missionary endeavors for which we are grateful.

ADMINISTRATION

For the quadrennium beginning with the Cincinnati General Conference in 1933, the Board for Home Missions was constituted as follows: Chairman, Rev. G. A. Schmidt; Vice-Chairman, Rev. F. R. Daries; Secretary, Rev. Chas. Enders; Treasurer, Rev. H. H. Lohans; Rev. Detlev Baltzer; Rev. J. H. Buescher; Mrs. Mae Friday Ashbrook; Mr. Wm. H. Brown; Mr. Wm. D. Bobsin; and Executive Secretary, Rev. J. J. Braun.

It pleased almighty God to translate two of the members from the church militant to the church triumphant. Mr. Wm. D. Bobsin, very faithful, experienced and valuable member since 1929, always very familiar with the work of the church, died on October 16th, 1935. The Chairman, Rev. G. A. Schmidt, went to his eternal reward on April 11th, 1936. Through 42 years he struggled continuously against poor health and yet accomplished so much for his church in Denver and for the denomination. He was elected to the Board in 1917 and made its Chairman in 1928. In many difficult situations, the Board became indebted to him for his quick insight and for his sure judgment. He gave himself unstintingly to Home Missions. Through his weekly Plauderei in the German paper, "Der Friedensbote," he won many friends for the cause. The filling of the two vacancies will be dealt with by the Board in its semi-annual meeting to be held in Fort Wayne on June 10th.

Two meetings of the full Board were held each year and at least one meeting of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee met with the Executive Committee of the Reformed group in a session at Cleveland, Ohio, on June 21, 1934 and again in Columbus on October 23rd, 1935. The full Board met with the full Board of the Reformed group on January 11 and 12, 1935.

THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR

In 1934 the Boards for Foreign and Home Missions joined very happily in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Foreign Mission Board and the 75th anniversary of the founding of a separate home mission treasury. Joint programs were prepared and very widely used, and two pieces of joint literature were issued, one called "Missionary Horizons" and the other "Missionary Trails." A total of 45,000 copies of these books were distributed. The response of the church was hearty and widespread. Due to the fact that the Board of Directors was so urgently stressing the financial needs of the church as a whole, no special anniversary offering was solicited. It was therefore all the more gratifying that unsolicited gifts designated for home missions were nearly \$5,000.00 higher than in ordinary years.

THE MISSION CHURCH

The richest and most valuable experience of Christians comes to them through the fellowship and the ministry of a church. There is, then, nothing which they will find more worth sharing with less fortunate brethren than the experience of having a worth-while Church. Thus it has always been true of the Board for Home Missions that by far the larger portion of its funds are donated and must be spent to make the adequate ministries of a Christian Church available where without such missionary activity no such ministry could be had.

The funds available allowed the Board to give support and supervision from month to month to from 114 to 135 churches and preaching places. Most of these churches are supported during a longer period. Almost each month, however, applications for support are received and adjustments made for some supported church to continue without the aid of the Board. Toward the end of the second year of the period of this report, there were 128 churches and preaching places on the roll and in April 1936 only 114. The 128 churches were served by 103 pastors and had 12,053 members in church and 11,272 in Sunday school. They contributed \$155,665.14 toward their current expenses and \$15,024.08 toward benevolences.

TO SELF-SUPPORT

The following churches advanced to self-support during 1935 and 1936: Grace Church, Buffalo, Rev. Paul Frohne; Trinity Church, New Orleans, Rev. Adam J. Scherer; St. Paul, Mitchell, Nebraska, Rev. F. F. Steinmark; Peace Church, Minneapolis (merged with St. John's), Rev. Wm. J. Riemann; Community Ev. Church, Blue Island, Ill., Rev. Emil Helm; St. John's Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Rev. E. H. Berger; First Evangelical, Mt. Troy, Pittsburgh, Pa., Rev. Chas A. Ittel; Zion Church, Detroit, Mich. (merged with St. Mark's), Rev. Theophil Gabler; Trinity, St. Paul and St. John Churches in and near Jasper, Ind., Rev. Walter Rasche.

THE SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Ozarks. Shortly after the Merger Synod in Cleveland, a long cherished dream could be realized when a clergyman of the Reformed Church became the full-time minister at Shannondale, Rev. Vincent W. Bucher. In the short period since then, Rev. and Mrs. Bucher have developed a strong program. There is regular preaching at ten points, Sunday school at five points, a 10 to 21 day folk school each fall and each spring, vacation Church Schools at four points and a regular clinic at the Community House. The exaggerated individualism of the Ozarkians brought about by their long isolation is faced very consciously by the people themselves in various cooperative enterprises led by the pastor in worship, education, economic relief, etc.

Rev. Zenith F. Yount is developing the work at Bixby, Neals Creek, Stone Hill and Antioch. The Bixby congregation acquired a suitable building and moved it on a lot previously owned by the congregation. Rev. Paul A. Wobus continues as director of the entire project. Vacation schools are held at these points.

These workers are responsible to the Ozark Auxiliary Committee which,

in turn, is appointed by the Board for Home Missions.

The membership of the Ozark Auxiliary Committee is as follows: Dr. J. H. Horstmann, Chairman; Rev. J. J. Braun, Secretary; Miss Luella Niemann, Treasurer; Rev. A. Alberswerth, Rev. J. H. Overbeck; Mr. Oscar Grueninger; Mr. J. Rapp; and Mrs. Mary Siegmund.

Biloxi. The pastor of the Evangelical Church in Biloxi with a director of religious education, Miss Anna Astroth, and a nurse, Mrs. W. F. McDonnell, have ministered to the needs of about a thousand fishermen and cannery employees.

An exhaustive survey was conducted by the three workers, a study of which showed that there was real need of our work in addition to work being done by two other groups. The Central Board has gained the conviction that the church cannot discharge its obligation toward this needy field without providing for the spiritual, social, educational and the health needs of the people somewhat in the fashion of the settlement house. In spite of distressing difficulties, your Board still hopes that the District and the Church at large will do justice to the situation.

City Missionary Work. The Board would be delinquent in its duty if it did not call the attention of the Church to the great possibilities for Kingdom service in this kind of work. The Board cooperates with the Buffalo, the Baltimore and the St. Louis Churches in maintaining city missionaries. It is, however, only in St. Louis that the work is done with any approach to complete occupation of the field. Here the St. Louis Evangelical Federation supervises the work. It maintains a complete social settlement, Caroline Mission. It furthermore maintains together with the Board of Home Missions, Rev. J. W. Varwig, a missionary in 7 public institutions who is ably and most generously assisted by Rev. Harold Schultz, Mr. E. Eckhold and by many church groups and individuals.

Immigrant and Seamen's Mission. The harbor missionary, Rev. F. Giese, at Locust Point, Baltimore, has fully used the comparatively few opportunities to serve seamen and immigrants and has given considerable time to city mission work especially in the Marine Hospital.

Madeline Island. Rev. L. Suedmeyer has worked faithfully among the 230 natives and the hundreds of vacationists on the Island and in the Evangelical settlement at Pike River. The Women's Union generously provided a greatly needed parsonage.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

The Executive Secretaries of the Boards for Foreign Missions, Religious Education and Home Missions form the Council of Missionary Education. The Council has had several meetings. It has promoted the "School of Missions" and endeavored to coordinate the missionary education work of the three Boards. If funds were available much could be accomplished in this field.

There is an increasing number of mission study classes in the churches. Each year courses in Home Missions were offered at four of the E. L. T. S.

A new book called "Beside Many Waters" on the work of both Boards will be ready by June. It is being written by Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer.

The Executive Secretary has been given several opportunities to speak to groups of Eden Seminary students.

The Board again enjoyed the very advantageous and happy arrangement with the Sunday School Editor, Rev. F. E. McQueen and the Board for Foreign Missions in the joint publication of the monthly paper for 12 year olds: "Our Mission Sunday" and the quarterlies for young people and adults: "Our Work" and "Fliegende Missionsblaetter." "Our Mission Sunday" has a circulation of 7,220; "Our Work," 14,393; and "Fliegende Missionsblaetter," 2,540.

PROMOTION

The Board accepted responsibility for promotion of denominational and Kingdom work in three Districts each year. The Executive Secretary was assisted by various Board members and by several home mission pastors. Rev. E. Helm successfully made a somewhat extended tour in the Minnesota District.

Home Missions month was observed in October. Each year new literature was offered. In the Anniversary year, the response was very gratifying. In 1935, the Board joined with the Reformed Board in the publication of "Expanding Fields of Service." About 15,000 copies were distributed.

The quarterly "Home Mission Bulletin" has been well received. About 40,000 copies of each issue are called for. Yielding to the request of the new Budget Director, this publication will be suspended in favor of his new bulletin in the interest of all the Boards.

We have sought to take our place in the united promotion plans of the denomination.

The Board gratefully acknowledges the splendid cooperation of the "Friedensbote," "The Evangelical Herald," "The Messenger," and "The Tidings."

THE MERGER

The Board for Home Missions has entered eagerly and gratefully into such opportunities as have thus far presented themselves for closer fellowship with the Home Mission forces of the Reformed Church. The individual members have very freely testified to their own joy and sense of enrichment and their conviction of benefit to the cause we represent. The joint report of the two Secretaries will present factual material under this head.

One of the very gracious acts fostering the merger of our interests has been the collection of \$200.00 for the Ozarks by the Reformed Girls Guild through their Thankoffering.

FINANCES

Just at a time when the church ought boldly devise new approaches to the great task of winning the hearts and the understanding of a confused people for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our income is so badly curtailed that we cannot continue all the established work, let alone launch any new endeavors in city or country. The falling off of contributions was rapid and we were not able to shrink our work rapidly enough so that to date we have accumulated an indebtedness of \$11,250.00 We can but hope that the vision and the zeal will return to our people.

THE WOMEN'S UNION

We are very happy to acknowledge the intelligent and effective missionary work done by the Women's Union. Their stimulation and direction of missionary study and their gathering of missionary contributions have indeed meant much to the cause of Home Missions. After completing the fund for the new parsonage, on Madeline Island, they are contributing about \$2,700.00 a year toward the work in the Ozarks.

CONCLUSION

Home Missions is to be sure the whole church in action spreading the Gospel in America. But its fulcrum is in the faith of the individual home missionary. We must uphold him with our prayers and our gifts and in every possible way help him with his family carry on as Jesus our Lord would have him carry on. Through the efforts of these 100 workers a very considerable contribution is being made toward the Christianizing of this country. May we as a Church not be found wanting in national missions and may it soon please the great Lord of the Church to let us return to a normal rate of growth among the Christian forces of this land.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. Daries, Acting Chairman, J. J. Braun, Executive Secretary.

Board for Home Missions Financial Report February 1, 1934 to February 1, 1936

FEBRUARY 1, 1934 TO FEBRUARY 1, 1936		
Balance on Hand, February 1, 1934		1,950.04
Receipts:		
Synodical Budget\$15	9.284.00	
	0,734.70	
	2.157.10	
	5,000.00	
	1,000.00	
Note Receivable	2,000.00	
Slide Rentals and Sales of Literature	1,931.44	
Funds from Defunct Immanuel Church at Garber,		
Oklahoma	215.52	
		192,322.76
Disbursements:		194,272.80
Mission Workers for Salaries, Rentals, and Moving	4	134,212.00
Expenses\$16	1 256 51	
	4.163.49	
Interdenominational Work	363.00	
Missionary Education	262.61	
	3.778.20	
Accounts Payable	195.44	
	2.920.30	
		193,039.55
	-	
Balance on Hand, January 31, 1936	\$	1,233.25
This Amount Is on Deposit as Follows:		
12th St. National Bank and Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo.	\$	1.11
Mercantile-Commerce Bank and Trust Co., St. Louis, I	Mo	287.96
Webster Groves Trust Co., Webster Groves, Mo		944.18
	3	1 000 05
Other Assets as of January 31, 1936:	9	1,233.25
Current Accounts Receivable		950.00
Current Accounts Receivable		250.00
	\$	1,483.25
Liabilities as of January 31, 1936:		
Evangelical Synod of North America	00.000.9	Living 1
St. Paul's Ev. Church, Seattle, Wash	.275.71	(1)71
Biloxi Clinic Building Fund	847.51	
Biloxi Clinic	36.56	TELES
Ozark Mimeograph	30.00.	
Ozark Medical Work	200.00	- Ender
Funds for Ozark Full-time Worker's Salary	2,150.33	in the
St. Paul's Ev. Church, Pike River, Wis	680.00	
Friedens Ev. Church, San Antonio, Texas	542.61	
Church Extension Fund Board 3	,895.00	
Grace Ev. Church, Grosse Pointe Pk., Mich	25.00	
Current Accounts Payable	11.46	
Ozark Daily Vacation Bible Schools	14.09	
		11,708.27
Deficit as of January 31, 1936	•	10 995 09
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Webster Groves, Mo., Feb. 1, 1936.

REPORT OF THE EXTENSION FUND BOARD (Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

The Church Extension Fund is the handmaid of home mission work. This Fund is administered by a separate and autonomous Board, which is incorporated under the laws of the state of Missouri. The Church Extension Fund was created at the General Conference held at Evansville, Indiana in the year 1889. The members of the conference committee which recommended the creation of the Fund donated the sum of \$25, which formed the nucleus of our present-day Extension Fund, with assets of over \$500,000.

At first, the Fund was used only to assist in the erection of church edifices. It was not long, however, before its good offices were sought also to assist churches in providing a home for their pastor, and in the course of time, in the erection of educational buildings. Be it said, howver, that in the latter case, the buildings so favored were used for the time

being also as places of worship.

We live in a changing world. Even the character of the work of our Board has been affected and the nature of the request for aid has changed. Originally all requests for loans were for the erection of new buildings. In recent years such requests have been very few in number. However, this does not mean that the number of requests for aid has decreased, on the contrary, there has been a decided increase in the number of requests for aid. Most requests come from churches that are in danger of losing their properties. Closed banks in process of liquidation, or other creditors in need of their money, demand immediate payment of the loan. Bond issues floated at a time when the members were employed are now due when a large percentage of the members are unemployed and others are likewise unable to help pay off the debt. Harassed by threatening foreclosure and the fear of possible loss of the property, is not only hampering the work of many churches but is actually endangering the existence of some churches. This is especially true of mission and other smaller churches. In some instances the work and sacrifices of a generation are at stake. Dare we as a denomination stand idly by and fail to help these churches fighting for their existence, struggling to save what has been accomplished by fervent prayer and self-sacrificing efforts?

Naturally we help mission churches and other smaller churches first, but in a few cases we have found it necessary to help well established churches also. Example: One church had a loan of \$74,000 with their local bank on which they could not pay off on the principal and only a small part of the interest. The bank reorganized and proposed to the church to reduce the mortage to \$20,000, providing they could pay off \$15,000 in cash. One of the members of the church agreed to loan the church \$10,000 without interest for five years and our Board made a loan of \$5,000 at 4% interest, principal to be paid within five years. That arrangement helped to reduce the indebtedness of that church by \$39,000.

Our Board is limited in its service to the many churches that make requests for funds. If we had the necessary funds, we could help many churches out of their financial difficulties which would mean more support to the larger kingdom service of the denomination on the part of these churches.

Since February 1, 1934, fifteen loans have been completed totaling \$58,467.50. Of these fifteen loans completed, only two loans were for the erection of new buildings, one church and one parsonage. One loan was made to help in the remodeling of a church building and the other twelve loans were made to help refinance old loans. The Board is of the opinon that it should extend its resources to the limit to give such churches in distress, relief.

STATISTICS OF LOANS OUTSTANDING

Motol los	1CF.	0770310 010	202	loon	00 700 00	
Total loa	ins. 165:	average	per	loan.	\$2.700.00	

46% in good standing	8% four years in arrears
5% one year in arrears	20% five to nine years in arrears
5% two years in arrears	2% ten years in arrears

8% three years in arrears

6% over ten years in arrears

CONCLUSION

It has been said of the Extension Fund: "It never wearies in well-doing. Ever giving, yet never exhausted; toiling ever, yet never tired, with wine and oil and bandages for the bleeding and the helpless, a sort of good Samaritan for the churches of the land. Going to the West, it fortifies a point; returning to the East, it repairs a breach in the wall. It leaves joy and gladness in its pathway. It is a sort of financial angel flying through the mid-heavens preaching the everlasting Gospel. Every dollar that goes into its treasury becomes imperishable. It lives for all time and it lives for God."

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. Grueninger, Chairman,
E. J. Westerbeck, Vice-Chairman,
Theo. F. Schumacher, Secretary,
E. H. Klick, Treasurer,
Henry Kronsbein, Member-at-large.

Financial Report of Extension Fund Board

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR TWO YEARS FEB. 1, 1934, TO JAN. 31, 1936

Cash Balance, Feb. 1, 1934			8,817.97 5,000.00
Receipts:			
Budget Designations		1,256.20	
Payments on Loans:	Ψ	1,200.20	
Principal Interest Sale of Property	10,381.69		
Income from Property Account:		52,348.21	
Rent Sale of Fixtures Refunds	150.00		
		2,113.42	all control
Application Fees		162.10	5-11:10:22
Endowment and Trust Funds Interest .	······	335.26	56,215.19
		\$	70,033.16

Disbursements:

Loans to Churches	\$	51,667.50	
Expense on Property Account:			
Taxes\$	749.69		
Repairs	472.15		
Commissions and Insurance	579.40		
Payment of Notes	1,193.27		
Miscellaneous	96.34		
0.000		3,090.85	
Office Expense:			
Salary\$	575.00		
Postage and Stationery	48.63		
Professional Service	921.25		
Traveling Expense	394.51		
Treasurer's Bond	50.00		
Interest	42.60		
Miscellaneous	34.87	2,066.86	
			56,825.21
Cash in Bank, January 31, 1936		••••••	13,207.95
		\$	70,033.16

THE BOARDS OF HOME MISSIONS (Joint Report)

To the General Synod:

In accordance with the spirit of the Plan of Union and with the instructions received from the first General Synod of the united Church, the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church and the Board for Home Missions of the Evangelical Synod and also the Church Extension Fund Board of the Evangelical Synod have used every opportunity progressively to consolidate the home mission interests of the two groups.

MEETINGS

Upon invitation of the "R" Board, the Executive Secretary of the "E" Board attended the annual meeting of the "R" Board at Philadelphia in January of 1934. The General Secretary of the "R" Board likewise accepted the invitation of the "E" Board to the meeting of its Executive Committee at St. Louis in April, 1934. Both Executive Committees together with the Church Extension Fund Board of the Evangelical Synod met in Cleveland just preceding the General Synod in which the merger was consummated. The work, the methods and procedure of each Board were carefully studied and compared and possible lines of approach considered. It was agreed that the Boards should continue to be represented by their secretaries at each other's meetings.

The three full Boards met at Columbus, Ohio, on January 10th, 1935. After transacting their own business in separate meetings, joint sessions were held in which especially those interests were studied in which early consolidation might be expected. A Joint Executive Committee was created by the election of the following: Rev. G. A. Schmidt (Chairman), Dr. Charles E. Miller (Vice-Chairman), Rev. J. J. Braun (Secretary), Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Rev. Charles Enders, Rev. Purd E. Dietz. It was agreed that all joint and all new home mission work should be conducted under the auspices of this Executive Committee which in turn should be responsible to the Joint Boards.

The three Boards met on October 23rd at Columbus, Ohio, and after reviewing joint promotional and field projects, prepared a recommendation

to the Committee on Constitution affecting the organization and functioning of the Board of Home Missions in the merged Church. The Committee on Constitution adopted this recommendation in its proposed constitution as submitted to the Classes and Districts.

JOINT PROJECTS

- 1. Dewey Avenue Reformed Church, Rochester, N. Y. Since November of 1933 the two Boards share equally in the support of this Church. An Evangelical man serves as pastor and the Reformed Board exercises supervision
- 2. The Trinity Reformed Church of West Hollywood and the Evangelical Church of Hollywood, Cal. These two churches are served by one pastor under the supervision of the Joint Executive Committee, both Boards contributing equally to the support.
- 3. The Evangelical and Reformed Church of Omaha, Nebraska. The former First Reformed Church and the former St. John's Evangelical Church united. As a first step toward the merger, both pastors resigned declining to be candidates for election to the pastorate of the united church. Since the "E" property was free from debt, and the Reformed property was somewhat encumbered, the "R" Board of Home Missions agreed to continue giving sufficient support to carry this indebtedness. An important consideration was the greatly superior location of the Reformed Church.
- 4. Idaho Parish. The very widely separated "E" Churches at Payette and at Sugar City, Idaho, and the "R" Church nearly halfway between were brought together under one "E" pastor in November, 1935. One third of the support comes from the "R" Board and two thirds from the "E" Board.
- 5. Reformed churches at Salem, Oregon and at Quincy, Washington, are served by Evangelical ministers. Evangelical Mission Churches at Walla Walla, Washington, San Rafael, Cal., at Brown and at Morden in Manitoba, Canada, and at Baltimore, Md., at Gering, Nebraska and at Fort Morgan, Colorado, are being served by Reformed men.
- 6. New work is contemplated in a promising section of Detroit, Michigan, in which project each Board has voted to share equally.

In a number of communities where both Boards are supporting mission churches, the effort is being made to consolidate the churches.

PROMOTION AND EDUCATION

The staff of the Outlook of Missions has repeatedly solicited and published accounts of Evangelical home mission work, and has mailed a sample copy of this magazine to every Evangelical pastor. The Evangelical Board has written a letter to every Evangelical pastor urging him to become a regular subscriber.

The two secretaries prepared a 36 page booklet called Expanding Fields of Service in which the work of both Boards was set forth. About 15,000 copies of this booklet have been distributed.

The work of both Boards is presented in the columns of the Messenger by Miss Selma M. Schmidt.

Stereopticon lectures and literature of the Boards have been freely used by organizations, churches and pastors of both groups, so that each portion of the Church is rapidly becoming acquainted with the work of the other portion.

A book about the Home Mission work of the united church under the title: "Beside All Waters," is in course of preparation. It is expected that this book will be ready for the market in time for use in the summer missionary conferences and leadership training schools.

Both Boards are eagerly looking forward to the day when the Evangelical and Reformed Church, strengthened through the union in vision and faith and in personal and financial forces might greatly increase its contribution toward the work of Christianizing America.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Schaeffer,

General Secretary, Board of Home Missions, Reformed Church in the United States.

J. J. Braun,

Executive Secretary, Board for Home Missions, Evangelical Synod of North America.

The foregoing reports to the General Synod from the Board of Home Missions of the former Reformed Church, the Board for Home Missions of the Evangelical Synod, the Report of its Extension Fund Board and the Joint Report of the Boards of both groups, were referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Evangelism. This Committee reported through Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck, Chairman, on Tuesday afternoon. Action was taken seriatim as follows:

Items 1 to 6 inclusive were severally adopted. In the adoption of Item 5 Synod stood in silence. Item 7, after an earnest discussion, was rejected by an emphatic negative vote. Items 8 to 11 were considered and adopted in order on Wednesday morning when the report was finally adopted as a whole. It reads as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Home Missions and Evangelism submits the follow-

ing resolutions:

1. The General Synod recognizes an expression of the true spirit of the united Church in the merging of mission fields of both groups into stronger congregations and in the exchange of workers. The Boards of Home Missions are asked to pursue this policy wherever feasible and possible.

2. The General Synod commends the Boards for Home Missions in their policy of conducting all new work under the supervision of a joint

Executive Committee.

3. That the present membership of the Boards for Home Missions shall be continued, and shall constitute the Board for Home Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church until the next General Synod.

4. The General Synod indorses the plan of the Board for Home Missions of the "R" group, called the 20,000 Member Club (page 43 of Blue Book), to liquidate its financial obligations within the near future to pave

the way for merging the two boards.

5. The General Synod acknowledges the outstanding and faithful services rendered the cause of Home Missions by Rev. G. A. Schmidt, chairman of the Board for Home Missions of the Evangelical Synod, and bows to the wisdom of God in calling him from his fields of labor to his reward. It acknowledges also the valuable services of Mr. W. H. Bobsin, deceased, to the cause of Home Missions.

6. The General Synod urges all of its pastors to consider any of the

- C. C. C. camps in their immediate neighborhood as a part of their charge. This project shall be under the supervision of the Board for Home Missions.
- 7. Whereas the support of army and navy chaplains is not fostering or supporting the war system, and whereas these chaplains provide a distinctive spiritual ministry, which is not otherwise provided, for the men in the services of our country. Your Committee recommends:
 - 1. That the General Synod, following the example of the major denominations in America, contribute the sum of \$50 annually toward the work of the General Committee.
 - 2. That representation on the General Committee be continued and that Dr. J. Franklin Meyer, Rev. Dr. H. H. Ranck and Rev. Charles Enders all of Washington, D. C., be our representatives.
 - 3. That the supervision of the work of our own chaplains in the Army and Navy be committed to the Joint Commission on Christian Social Action.
 - 4. That the General Synod, out of its Contingent Fund, pay the sum of \$300 annually—that is \$100 each, to our chaplains in service.
 - 5. That each chaplain before receiving his appropriation shall report to the Joint Commission on Christian Social Action on his activities, the conditions under which he labors and the use he makes of the money granted him.
- 8. The General Synod recognizes the great need for continued consecrated missionary endeavor in many areas of American Life. It commends its devoted missionaries for their faithful service and calls upon the churches to lay the Great Commission of our Lord more effectively upon the hearts of their members.
- 9. The General Synod sets aside the period from September 15 to the second Sunday in October for Home Mission emphasis under the leadership of the Boards of Home Missions.
- 10. We commend the Women's Missionary Society and the Women's Union for their effective work in far-sighted missionary education and substantial support of home mission projects.
- 11. The General Synod recognizes the possibilities in an aggressive Evangelism, it commended the same to the favorable consideration of its entire constituency and refers the promotion of this task to the Committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism.

Respectfully submitted,

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4. Ministerial Pension and Relief

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PENSION AND RELIEF (Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

The Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod begs to submit the following report to the General Synod. Prior to 1910 the Evangelical Synod had begun to take care of the retired pastors and widows

through a mutual organization known as the "Invalidenkasse," supported by meager contributions from the pastors of the Synod and contributions from the churches, particularly the annual offering taken throughout the church for this specific purpose. Gradually the vision of some of the leaders in the church began to take definite form so that at the General Conference in 1910 a plan was submitted for the establishment of the present Pension Fund. For four years the plan was in operation before it received final sanction from the Conference of 1914. One of its major tasks was the assumption of the assets and the liabilities of the original "Invalidenkasse." These consisted in a little over six thousand dollars in assets and the care of approximately 68 pastors and 82 widows and children as liabilities. A definite scale of premiums was established, the Synod continued its support through gifts and contributions and the establishment of a permanent endowment fund was begun. The \$6000.00 have grown into the sum of total assets today of \$947,917, including an endowment fund of \$883,564. A large part of this money was gathered at the time of a special campaign, the remainder has slowly been accumulated from premiums, designations and gifts. The liabilities of the Fund have grown also, so that in 1935 the Fund took care of 143 pastors, 264 widows and 19 children, and 16 special cases of relief, a total of 442 to whom were paid various sums according to years of membership in the Fund, with a grand total of \$107,108.94 for the year 1935. We are carrying a heavy load but we know of no work in the Church that is more necessary or has a greater promise of blessing resting upon it. The ultimate aim of the Fund must be the establishment of an endowment fund or actuarial reserves which will make the payment of pensions possible on a higher scale. In the twenty-five years of its existence the payment to recipients have been raised one hundred dollars per year over that paid in 1910. This means that today we are paying a minimum of \$200 per year and a maximum of \$350 per year to pastors and eighty per cent of these amounts to pastors' widows. In many cases these amounts must be supplemented by additional grants of relief so as to make enough for the year to allow for at least the minimum cost of living. The goal of the pension fund to be established by the united church should be set far higher than the present rate of payments in either of the two funds and should not cease until a respectable and living pension will be paid.

MEMBERSHIP

The present membership of the Fund is 987 members including those who are drawing pension, or an active paying membership of 884, consisting of pastors, missionaries, commissioned workers and women missionaries. Since the General Conference of 1933, commissioned workers are no longer eligible for membership; a move which met the hearty approval of this Board. We note with pleasure that the constitution of the new church makes membership in the Fund the obligation of all pastors. This is as it should be; for, in the majority of cases, pastors who reach the age of retirement or who leave a widow to survive them, turn to the pension fund for aid. It becomes a hard task to refuse the pleas of these older men and stricken widows. The church should provide for them, but they too should share in this responsibility. If the church were forcing an obligation of hardship or unfairness upon them, they might be excused but under both present pension systems the premiums are very low and the financial return of their investment is a very good one. The church is offering them a rare opportunity for provision in old age or case of death and the church has the right and duty to demand that every one of its pastors support this work through active membership.

PASTORS' HOMES

We are indeed proud of the institutions known as the Pastors' Homes. Many have the conception that these are large institutional buildings in which many older folks live. In reality they are two groups of private, individual cottages. At Bensenville, Illinois, a beautiful suburb of Chicago, we have four individual cottages and one duplex; at Blue Springs, Mo., a suburb of Kansas City, we have ten individual cottages and one duplex. At the latter Home two new cottages will be built during the coming summer. Here retired or incapacitated pastors live in the quiet of a beautiful village, or in other cases an older widow can still maintain her own household in the cottage assigned to her. They are offered free of rent and upkeep to those who apply for them; each usually has a large garden spot adjoining it. Three of these cottages are memorials erected by individuals or organizations (one by the Women's Union). What a splendid opportunity to erect a permanent memorial of service to a loved one!

THANK OFFERING

During the past few years the Women's Union of our church has taken a very live interest in the work of the Pension Fund. One of the cottages at Blue Springs was built through the gifts from the Thank-Offerings; one third of the annual Thank-Offering is being used for additional relief granted to pensioners. We feel that our women deserve a special word of commendation and thanks for this splendid help which they have given us and offer the suggestion that the new church put forth special effort to enlist the interest of the women in this work.

MERGER NEGOTIATIONS

The committees appointed by the Pension Boards of the Reformed Church and the Evangelical Synod have carried on negotiations during the last two years. It has been a slow task since it involves many financial considerations. At present each group has a reputable actuary at work on calculations, the result of which we are hoping will be such as to make possible the union of both funds as the basis of the establishment of a fund for the new church. Both funds have so many things in common that we feel quite certain that both can successfully be merged without sacrifice on the part of any of the assets or privileges of the members of either fund.

FINANCES

Under the present system it becomes necessary each year that the church support the work of pensions and relief by an apportionment from the annual budget. This will have to continue over a period of years until the Fund either has an accumulation of assets sufficient to pay the pension, or some other scheme of income is worked out whereby the necessary money will be forthcoming to make all payments of pension and relief. For the present, however, the General Synod will have to continue to assist our work with an apportionment from the annual budget. There is another source of income for the Fund to which we wish to call the attention of the General Synod, namely the profits of our Publishing House. Even prior to the establishment of the present Fund in 1910, the Publishing House contributed toward the cause of pensions and relief in our church; and when the present Fund was established, the same obligation was placed upon this institution. With the depression the Publishing House declared its inability to continue to make these payments of \$10,000 brought no results. We feel however that the General Synod shall designate that either a lump sum or a percentage of the profits each year of per year to the Fund and repeated efforts on the part of this Board have the Publishing House shall be paid into the treasury of the Pension Fund

In conclusion might we add that the Lord has most graciously blessed this branch of the work of our church. We feel it a privilege to serve as members of this Board to carry out the work so necessary and so appreciated. With the exception of a very meager allowance to the treasurer of the Fund, all of our work is being done without compensation by the

members of the Board. While it may have saved us quite an item of expense, it also has its handicaps. May God continue to prosper our work and challenge the membership of our church to greater efforts in the work of providing for those, who have served her so well, and to whom we owe the obligation to make the close of life "the best yet to be."

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF PENSION AND RELIEF Rev. Silas P. Bittner, Chairman Dr. E. Hohmann, Vice-Chairman Rev. A. Dreusicke, Secretary Rev. H. Wintermeyer, Treasurer Rev. E. F. Abele Mr. A. C. Dittmann Rev. E. R. Jaeger Mr. F. G. Rapp Mr. J. F. Ruehlmann

REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR MINISTERIAL RELIEF (Reformed)

To the General Synod:

Your Board of Ministerial Relief is pleased to make the first Report of its stewardship to the General Synod of our new Evangelical and Reformed Church, which we hope to love as well as we did our dear old Reformed Church, and to serve better.

Our Reformed Church and the Evangelical Synod have united in order to create a greater and stronger Church, and to do larger and more effective work for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. We have a right to expect much from our new Church. We expect our new Church to be modern in its methods, progressive in its ideas and ideals, and efficient in its service to God and its work for mankind. We expect our leaders to be just, loving, and democratic, as was our Saviour, Jesus Christ. "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

We, therefore, are encouraged to believe that our new Church will give the most worthy cause of Ministerial Relief its rightful place in the program of Kingdom work. Until quite recently Ministerial Relief had been side-tracked for other causes. Consequently the support that we gave our aged and disabled ministers and the widows of our ministers has been small and not the "good measure" of the Christian religion, which we profess. But now we have the joyous hope and the strengthened faith, that our new Church will promote the cause of Ministerial Relief vigorously, and will provide more adequately for our veteran ministers and their widows.

Because of our new hope, new faith, and new vision, your Board of Ministerial Relief has written its report in a new way. Our report is briefer than it has been. It contains few statistical tables and only several financial statements. Other statistics and statements will be furnished by the office of your Board to the General Synod upon request. It is a brief, simple statement of the work we have done during the last biennium, and of the future service which we hope, under the new leadership of our Church, to render to our ministers and their families, especially in time of sickness, old age, and death. Our report has been written plainly and practically. We have given a somewhat detailed explanation of the several departments of our work, in order especially that the members of the Evangelical group may more thoroughly understand the nature of the work this Board is doing. We have asked the General Synod to do a number of things, because we believe our new Church wants them done,

The great purpose of Ministerial Relief is the adequate care of our veteran ministers and their widows. Their care is more important than the accumulation of Church property. The Church, above all institutions, should value human life more highly than material things. The work of Ministerial Relief is important and greatly needed. We believe that our entire new Church recognizes that one of its first duties is the care of our ministers. Therefore our Church has established salaries for ministers in service, and has created Boards to care for them when they no longer can care for themselves. Ministerial Relief is not charity but simple justice. Our aged and disabled ministers have as much right to be supported by our Church as have our active pastors, missionaries, teachers, and executives.

Part One — Relief Department

The Relief Department of your Board of Ministerial Relief is a continuation of the old method of Ministerial Relief, which began in 1752. Through this department your Board gives gratuities to our aged and disabled ministers and widows of ministers, in accordance with their needs and the financial ability of your Board.

MAINTENANCE OF THE RELIEF DEPARTMENT

The Relief Department should be sacredly kept and well maintained by our Church. It is supported by the apportionment received, by other contributions, and by interest on investments. It supplements our Sustentation Fund. Thus grants from it also are made to members of the Fund, who are in need of greater help than the Fund can provide. Your Board gives every cent it receives every year from the Apportionment and all other contributions to our needy veterans of the ministry.

RELIEF ANNUITANTS AND THEIR ANNUITIES

During the last biennium your Board gave annuities from the Relief Department to 289 individual annuitants, of whom 94 were ministers and 195 were widows of ministers. The total amount of Relief given to these 289 annuitants during 1934 and 1935 was \$94,541.92. The average annual annuity was \$183.02. During the last two years 35 annuitants passed to their eternal home, of whom 18 were ministers and 17 were widows of ministers; and 28 annuitants, 3 of whom were ministers and 25 widows of ministers, asked to have their annuities discontinued for various reasons

RELIEF ANNUITIES INADEQUATE

From an intimate knowledge of the physical and financial condition of our veteran ministers and their widows, we know that the annuities, which we now are able to pay our Relief annuitants, are not sufficient to meet the necessities of life. We confess with shame that many of our veterans are compelled to suffer because of the inadequate support, which your Board is able to give them. We gave our 289 Relief annuitants an average of 51 cents a day during the two years, 1934 and 1935, but 51 cents a day is scarcely enough to provide food for one person.

When we remember that besides food, the necessary expenses of our annuitants are rent, fuel, clothing, light, laundry, replacement of equipment, doctor, druggist, dentist, occulist, and the like; and when we remember further that many of our annuitants have from one to six persons dependent upon them; it is easy to see that our Church does not provide nearly enough money to care adequately for our veteran ministers and their families. An income of about \$2.00 a day for each aged and disabled person in our country is just and necessary. One-fourth of \$2.00 is 50 cents. This is the amount of Relief we can give.

Recently our Board has asked our Relief annuitants to give us a true picture of their physical and financial condition. These are the recurring

statements in most of the reports received: "My health is poor." "Can earn nothing." "Have no other income than Ministerial Relief." "My children cannot help me." "Cannot afford to go to the doctor, dentist, or occulist." "Need more support." Our holy Christian religion and our present social standards require that our Church shall care more adequately for our veterans of the cross.

WHAT ARE ADEQUATE ANNUITIES?

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in 1929 appointed a Committee of Laymen to make a thorough and careful study of the whole subject of providing adequate annuities for our aged and disabled ministers, their widows, and minor orphan children. This Committee consisted of: Randolph S. Meck, Eastern Synod; Tillman K. Saylor, Pittsburgh Synod; Millard C. Jones, Potomac Synod; David I. Prugh, Ohio Synod; Edward Dirks, Mid-West Synod; Ewald Klumb, Northwest Synod; and William B. Haeussler, German Synod of the East. This Committee made the following recommendation on adequate annuities, which was adopted by the General Synod in 1932:

"Since our Church has never paid adequate Ministerial Relief annuities, the aim of our Church should be the payment of the following minimum annuities to our Ministerial Relief annuitants, who are without any means

- of support:

 "a. \$1,000 to an aged or disabled minister and his wife.
 - "b. \$700 to an aged or disabled minister without a wife.
 - "c. \$600 to a widow of a minister.
- "d. \$150 for each child of the above three classes of annuitants, under eighteen years of age.
 - "e. \$200 for each child of a minister, under 18 years of age, both of
- whose parents are dead and who is dependent.
- "f. The Ministerial Relief annuities our Church should provide for those, who have means of their own, are the differences between the above figures and such means.
- "g. A debt-free home of an annuitant and other debt-free real estate shall be counted as an income of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ per cent on the value of the real estate, and mortgaged real estate proportionately less."

RELIEF APPORTIONMENT

The General Synod in 1932 reduced our Apportionment from \$116,650 to \$80,137.20. On this reduced Apportionment of \$80,137.20 we received \$35,040.96 in 1934, 43 7/10%; and \$35,132.39 in 1935, 43 8/10%. Instead of saying, "Half a loaf is better than no bread," we must say that a third of a loaf is better than no bread, because we are receiving about one-third as much as we should receive in order to give "daily bread" to our aged and disabled ministers and their widows. Your Board instead of receiving an average of \$35,086.67 a year through the Apportionment, should receive about \$100,000.00 a year in order to provide our veterans of the gospel ministry with the necessities of life.

RELIEF BUDGET FOR 1937-1938

Several months ago your Board of Ministerial Relief asked each of our Relief annuitants to tell us honestly how much he or she needed to receive from your Board on which to live in comparative comfort. After carefully itemizing their necessary expenses, and deducting (1) the money which they expect to receive from all sources than from your Board, and (2) the money which they do receive from our Sustentation Fund; the 211 annuitants, who answered our request, said that they needed to receive \$81,810.26 a year from the Relief Department of your Board. This is an average of \$387.72 per annuitant a year. We believe that this average is as nearly correct as it is possible to procure. Therefore your Board did

not deem it necessary to present to the Executive Committee of the General Synod a detailed statement of the needs of our several Relief annuitants.

Since no doubt your Board of Ministerial Relief will have as many annuitants per year during the next two years as it had during the last two years, which was an average of 256 a year, the amount needed by the Relief annuitants of your Board will be 256 times \$387.72, or \$99,256.32 a year.

Therefore we hope and pray that the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, if it cannot adopt an Apportionment of the \$99,256.32 needed by our Relief annuitants, that it adopt an Apportionment of at least \$80,137.20 a year for the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church group, which is the amount of the reduced Apportionment the General Synod of the Reformed Church granted your Board of Ministerial Relief in 1932. We ask nothing for overhead expenses.

REQUESTS

- 1. We ask the General Synod to continue and to maintain the Relief Department for all of the ministers and widows of ministers of our entire Church.
- 2. We ask the General Synod to request the Classes and Districts of our Church to urge their pastors and people to provide more justly and adequately for our veteran ministers and the widows of our ministers.

Part Two - Sustentation Fund

The Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U.S. was established by the General Synod in 1917, in order to care more adequately for the aged and disabled ministers of the Reformed Church, who are members of the Fund, and for their widows and minor orphan children under 18 years of age.

Our Sustentation Fund is a Pension Fund. Some of the reasons for establishing and maintaining a Ministers' Pension Fund are as follows: (1) It is Christian. (2) It is social justice. (3) It is a payment due for services rendered. (4) Its benefits are needed. (5) In this age of pensions, no other pension is provided for ministers. The National Security Law excludes ministers from federal government pensions. Beginning in 1937 the 25,000,000 workers, estimated to be covered by the contributory government plan, will pay an annual tax of 1% on their wages or salaries, and their employers will pay an equal tax, making a 2% tax in all. These taxes will be increased gradually until in 1949 the rate will be 3% for the worker and 3% for the employer. Federal pensions shall begin in 1942, but not for ministers who are employees of the Church.

MEMBERSHIP

Those entitled to join the Sustentation Fund are: 1. Ordained ministers; 2. Licensed ministers; and 3. Lay Missionaries, Home and Foreign: all of whom are not over 60 years of age.

ANNUAL DUES

The annual dues paid by or for each member of the Fund range from \$17.13 at 21 years up to \$93.69 at 60. All dues must be paid in advance. No member pays dues after he is 70 years old or is disabled. He then receives his benefits from the Fund.

MAXIMUM BENEFITS

- 1. At the age of 70 years, after 30 years of service in our ministry, \$500 a year.
- At the age of 70, for less than 30 years of service in our ministry, \$100 plus \$10 for each year of service.
 - 3. At disability before the age of 70, \$100 for the first 5 years of

service in our ministry, plus \$10 for each additional year of service.
4. The widow of a minister receives an annuity equal to 3/5, or 60%, of the benefits her husband is entitled to receive at the time of his death, as long as she remains his widow.

5. If a minister and his widow both die, their orphan children, up

to 18 years, receive the widow's share.

6. The above are the maximum, or 100%, benefits of the Fund. Now only 50% of these benefits can be paid, because the financing of the Fund has been completed only 50%.

MEMBER'S RESERVE

The dues paid by the members and the interest thereon is called the Members' Reserve. The members' dues constitute 20% of the amount needed to fully finance the Fund, and therefore guarantee 20% of the maximum benefits. The Members' Reserve is always fully financed, because the dues must be paid in advance, and always pays its maximum 20% benefits to members in good and regular standing. The total dues paid from the beginning of the Fund on July 1, 1917, to December 31, 1935, were \$313,816.81.

Church's Reserve

The money received from our Church members and the interest thereon is called the Church's Reserve. This Reserve is required to raise 80% of the amount needed to finance the Fund fully, and to pay the benefits 100%. Unfortunately our Church members have raised only 30% of the amount needed to finance the Fund fully, and therefore we can pay only 30% of the maximum benefits from the Church's Reserve, which, added to the 20% we can pay from the Members' Reserve, equals 50% of the maximum benefits. Thus each member of the Fund, in good and regular standing, now receives only one-half of his maximum benefits. A minister at 70 now receives \$250 a year of his \$500 maximum benefits, and his widow receives \$150 of her \$300 maximum benefits. Other annuities likewise are paid 50%. Comparatively we are not doing as well as some other denominations and as some business corporations. Our sister Reformed Church in America in 1935 paid an average of \$608 to 85 pension beneficiaries, and the General Electric Company paid an average of \$771 to 3,290 pension beneficiaries.

As of December 31, 1935, our Church members should have paid \$2,048,280 as their 80% of the amount needed to finance the Fund fully, but actually paid only \$745,795.95. Therefore we can pay only 30% of the maximum benefits of the Fund from the Church's Reserve to the annuitants of the Fund. The annuities no doubt will continue to be 30% from the Church's Reserve until such time as our Church realizes that it must provide a regular continual flow of money into the Church's Reserve by its contributions, the same as there is a regular continual flow of money into the Members' Reserve by the payment of the dues of the members.

MEMBERS, ANNUITANTS AND THEIR ANNUITIES

The following table shows the membership of the Sustentation Fund, as of December 31, 1935:

Total Members Enrolled for All Time	1,083
Terminated Memberships:	
Died123	
Disabled 30	
Seventy Year Pensions 51	
Voluntary Withdrawals 88	
Involuntary Withdrawals 59	351
Active Paying Members	732

The following table shows the number of annuitants of the Sustentation Fund and their annuities as of December 31, 1935:

	Annuitants	Annuities
70 Year Annuitant Ministers	43	\$10,750.00
70 Year Annuitant Ministers		MANUAL CONTRACTOR
(Serving less than 30 years)	1	165.00
70 Year Annuitant Ministers (Additional Financia	ng) 7	1,857,78
Disabled Ministers	26	4,390.00
Disabled Ministers (Additional Financing)	1	178.11
Disabled Ministers (Withdrawals)	2	386.79
Widows of Ministers	86	8.825.60
Widows of Ministers (Additional Financing)	2	168.67
Widows of Ministers (Withdrawals)	2	101.81
Orphans of Ministers	5	237.00
		201.00
	176	\$27,060.76

ADDITIONAL SUSTENTATION FUND FINANCING

The "Additional Financing" of our Sustentation Fund is officially named the "Additional Benefit Reserve." It consists merely of a congregation paying as much as it will toward increasing the Sustentation Fund benefits of its pastor. Any congregation thus can help its pastor to protect himself and his family more adequately against the hazards of disability and old age. The "Additional Financing" of our Sustentation Fund is growing and becoming more popular. On December 31, 1935, a total of 184 congregations paid \$16,150.12 toward increasing the Sustentation Fund benefits of 157 pastors. During 1935 additional benefits were paid from the Additional Benefit Reserve to seven (7) seventy-year ministers, one (1) disabled minister, and two (2) widows of ministers; that is, benefits in addition to the regular 50% benefits, now paid.

The seven (7) seventy-year annuitant ministers now receive annually an average of 10% on the amount paid for them; the one (1) disabled annuitant minister receives annually 8 2/10% on the amount paid for him; and the two (2) widows of ministers receive annually an average of 8 7/10% on the amount paid for their husbands. Thus for every \$10.00 paid into the Additional Benefit Reserve for a member of the Sustentation Fund by a congregation or other Church organization, by a person or persons, and by himself, he at the age of 70 years will receive Sustentation Fund benefits of about \$1.00 a year in addition to the \$250.00 now being paid by the Fund in the regular way; and slightly smaller benefits when disabled before 70. His widow also will receive her additional 60% benefits.

PROTECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FUND

In accordance with the action of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S. in 1932: "The money, property, and benefits of our Sustentation Fund belong solely to the members of the Fund." Therefore, your Board believes that its first duty is to protect the members of our Sustentation Fund in every way, and to secure for them their rights, property, and benefits of the Fund. Your Board also believes that it should secure equitable and adequate annuities for the Relief annuitants of your Board. Your Board, moreover, believes that it should do the same for the members of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod and for the Relief annuitants of the Board of Pension and Relief.

REQUEST

We ask the General Synod to commend our Sustentation Fund and the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod to each minister of our Church, as being the best possible economic security that the Church can provide for him and his family in time of his old age, disability, or death.

Part Three - Finances of Your Board

The principal business of your Board is the management of its finances. On the soundness and safety of our finances depend the financial security of our veteran ministers and the widows of our ministers. We believe that our finances should be managed in accordance with the best methods and highest ethics of modern business.

FINANCIAL POLICY OF YOUR BOARD

Your Board of Ministerial Relief is following a Financial Policy, which it has adopted for itself. The principal features of this Policy are as follows: "The chief object of the Board of Ministerial Relief shall be to provide adequate support for our aged and disabled ministers and the widows of our ministers. The Board shall maintain able officers and a competent office force. The office shall maintain an efficient, simple, and modern system of accounting. The Finance Committee shall be composed of men, who study and understand finances, and who keep the Board in a strong financial condition. The Board shall pay all bills and expenses promptly by check; it shall reduce its overhead expenses to a minimum; shall deposit its money in two or more of the strongest banks in Philadelphia; shall not invest more than 3% of its gross assets in one corporation; shall purchase securities of high rating and good intrinsic value; shall use all of its contributions, gifts, and the like only for the objects for which they are intended; shall maintain adequate reserves in all of its funds; shall incur no debts for anything; and shall have its accounts audited regularly by a Certified Public Accountant."

ACCOUNTING OF YOUR BOARD

Your Board has six separate and distinct accounts. These six accounts are very carefully kept, item by item; checked and balanced each month; always are open for the inspection of every member of your Board; and are carefully audited by our Treasurer each month, and by a Certified Public Accountant once a year. These accounts include ledgers, bank books, check books, and the like, for each Department.

ECONOMY OF YOUR BOARD

Your Board carefully watches every dollar it expends, so that nothing may be wasted. We even "Gather up the broken pieces, which remain over, that nothing be lost." We govern our overhead expenses in such a way as to insure strict economy, and at the same time to guarantee efficiency.

USE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Every cent contributed by any person to your Board either has been given to our aged and disabled ministers, their widows and minor orphan children, or today is invested for them. No contribution of any kind is used to pay overhead or any other expenses.

All the contributions from individuals, congregations, and through the Apportionment to the Relief Department, from the first receipt on August 3, 1905, to the last receipt on December 31, 1935, amounted to \$814,685.33. During the same period of 29½ years, \$846,211.30 were paid to 575 individual Relief annuitants, of whom 235 were ministers and 340 widows of ministers. Thus all the contributions ever given to the Relief Department, plus \$31,525.97, were paid to our aged and disabled ministers and their widows, and no contributions were used for expenses.

After paying \$119,561.19 in benefits to 223 beneficiaries and all other expenses of the Sustentation Fund, from the beginning of the Fund on July 1, 1917, to December 31, 1935, your Board had remaining in our Sustentation Fund all of the members' dues ever paid, in the amount of \$313,816.81, and all of the contributions ever made by our Church to the

Fund, in the amount of \$745,795.95, and \$305,515.07 in addition thereto for good measure, a total of \$1,365,127.83 par value. Thus all dues ever paid and all contributions ever made by our Church are invested for the members of our Sustentation Fund, and no contributions are used for expenses.

The overhead expenses of your Board are paid out of the cash gain on the securities and of the interest on the investments of your Board. Therefore, we state that no contributions, made by our pastors and people to your Board, are used in the payment of the overhead expenses of your Board, but are used entirely for the care of our veteran ministers and their widows.

CHARACTER OF INVESTMENTS

Our investments are as sound as good judgment can make them. We adhere rigidly at all times to the cardinal principles of wise investing. We examine carefully into the character and safety of every investment we purchase. We make an analysis of every bond before we purchase it, which includes the rate of interest; the date of maturity; the rating by Moody, Fitch, or Standard Statistics; the interest times earned; the year's high and low prices; the amount of the particular issue of bonds outstanding; its prior liens; and the total funded debt of the corporation. No investments are bought for speculation.

Our prime consideration is safety of principal. Everything we buy must have ample security and a good financial history. With a few exceptions all of our bonds carry high investment ratings. Our list of investments is comparable in type and character to those of the largest banks, trust companies, and insurance companies, which are generally regarded as discerning and conservative investors. The securities of your Board are well diversified. Our portfolio of investments shows a diversification as to kind, type, amount placed in any one security, geographical location, and the like.

SAFEGUARDS OF THE INVESTMENTS

Your Board throws every possible safeguard around its investments. Besides being careful and conservative with regard to investing the money, which we receive from our Church, we use every possible means to keep our investments safely.

Our securities are kept in safe deposit boxes in the vaults of two of the largest trust companies in Philadelphia. The Treasurer and the regular clerks of the office are bonded. The Treasurer must be accompanied by a member or a bonded clerk of the Board, whenever he handles the securities contained in the safe deposit boxes. He cannot either deposit or remove any investments or papers from these boxes without an authorized witness. Moreover, the trust companies in whose vaults the safe deposit boxes are kept make a record of the time of each visit of the Treasurer and the person who accompanies him to the safe deposit boxes.

The Finance Committee meets once a month and hears the detailed report of the Treasurer, with special reference to the securities of the Board, and then acts upon this report. The Finance Committee also visits the trust companies where the securities are kept, whenever it desires, and makes a thorough examination of all the securities owned by your Board.

A Certified Public Accountant examines all of the books and accounts of your Board once a year in a very careful and thorough manner, and also canvasses all of the securities in the safe deposit boxes; and then reports his findings to your Board at its annual meeting, through the Auditing Committee of your Board.

The Treasurer and two clerks of your Board, moreover, constantly are studying the subject of finances. The Treasurer seeks the advice of expert financiers. The office receives the Standard Statistics and the Fitch Investment Services for the latest available data on bonds.

Part Four - Memorial Funds, Annuity Bonds, and Bequests

The cause of Ministerial Relief appeals strongly to many of our wealthier Church members, and they are giving goodly sums of money to your Board of Ministerial Relief for the more adequate care of our veteran ministers and their widows, in the way of Memorial Funds, Annuity Bonds, and Bequests.

MEMORIAL FUNDS

A Memorial Fund consists of \$500, or more, which is given as a memorial to the Board of Ministerial Relief, sacredly kept and safely invested by it, and the interest thereof used in helping to support our aged or disabled ministers and their widows. This is one of the finest forms of giving, and its appeal is felt by every loyal member of the Reformed Church group.

There are three forms of Memorial Funds:

- 1. Memorial Funds are given in memory of a minister, or the widow of a minister, and of any member or friend of the Church.
- 2. These Funds are given in honor of a *living* pastor, a *living* member of the Church, and in the name of a Congregation, Sunday School, or other organization of the Church.
 - 3. These Funds are given by individuals, while living, or by them as

a bequest, and bear the names of the donors.

Every Memorial Fund bears the name of some person, persons, Church, congregation, Sunday School, or other organization of our Church. On December 31, 1935, your Board had 63 Memorial Funds, amounting to \$58,135.28 in cash, and \$145,189.07 when completed.

ANNUITY BONDS

Some of our Church members desire to support the work of Ministerial Relief in a substantial way while they live, but feel that they cannot afford to relinquish the interest on their money during their lifetime. Therefore, they give from \$100 up to any sum to your Board of Ministerial Relief, and in exchange receive an Annuity Bond. By securing an Annuity Bond they have the satisfaction of knowing, that they help to care more adequately for our veteran ministers and their widows. They receive a good rate of interest regularly during their lifetime, and they realize that their money has been given to the object for which they really intend it. On December 31, 1935, your Board had 91 Annuity Bonds, amounting to \$58,347.00

BEQUESTS

For a number of years some of our kind-hearted Church people have remembered our aged and disabled ministers and their widows in their wills. These people wish to use their money during their lifetime, but want some of their estate to go toward the more adequate care of our veteran ministers and their widows after they have passed away. These bequests are greatly appreciated by your Board.

During the last biennium your Board received a number of bequests, some of which were given to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows, and are credited on its books. The largest bequest ever received by your Board was \$85,000, which was given by William Zacharias, late of Emmitsburg, Md., as a memorial to his sainted father, Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D.D. This bequest has not yet been paid to your Board, because a nephew of the late William Zacharias shall receive the income from it during his lifetime. A number of other bequests have been reported to your Board but have not yet been paid to it. Our people cannot bequeath money to a more worthy, needy cause than that of Ministerial Relief.

REQUEST

We ask the General Synod to request the Classes and Districts of our

Church to commend to their members the giving of Memorial Funds, Annuity Bonds, and Bequests to the Board of Ministerial Relief and to the Board of Pension and Relief of our Church.

Part Five — Personnel and Work of the Board

The present members of your Board are: President, Harry N. Bassler, D.D.; Vice-president, William H. Bollman, D.D.; Secretary, James W. Meminger, D.D.; Treasurer, Eugene L. McLean, D.D.; Rev. Wallace H. Wotring, D.D., LL.D.; Rev. Henry C. Nott, D.D.; Rev. John L. Barnhart, D.D.; Rev. Carl F. Heyl, D.D.; Rev. Frederick A. Rupley, D.D.; Rev. Orris W. Haulman, D.D.; and Elders A. Paul Gerhart, Edward Dirks, and Christ C. Walthour, Esq.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

The annual meeting of your Board is held on the first Wednesday in February. A special meeting may be called by the President at any time, and shall be called at the request of seven members of the Board, upon two weeks' written notice given to each member of the Board. At the annual meeting of your Board all the work done by the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the several Committees of your Board is reviewed, considered, and final disposition thereof made. Final action also is taken upon all unfinished business. Much new business is transacted by your Board at its annual meeting. Special attention is given to the finances, which are fully detailed and very clearly set forth. More than one-third of the approximate eighty typed pages of the minutes of the annual meeting of your Board are devoted to the several financial statements. One of the most important items of business transacted by your Board at its annual meeting is the granting of annuities to several hundred aged and disabled ministers and their widows.

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Between its annual meetings your Board transacts its business, other than that of the regular routine business of the office and business of a major character, through its Executive Committee and its Finance Committee.

The Executive Committee consists of the President and four other members of your Board. It carries out the actions taken by the Board, acts upon all applications for Relief between the meetings of the Board, and presents a written report of all it has done during the year to the Board at its annual meeting.

The Finance Committee consists of five members of your Board. It has general charge and supervision of all the property and finances of the Board, and gives special heed to the investing of the moneys of the Board and the safety of its investments. It meets monthly to hear the Treasurer's report, to invest and re-invest moneys, and to transact any other business pertaining to the property or invested funds of the Board. The Secretary of the Finance Committee keeps a neat and accurate record of all the work done by the Committee, and presents a copy of its minutes and a detailed report of all the investments, their value, rate of interest, etc., to the Board at its annual meeting.

Your Board also has an Auditing Committee, which consists of three members of the Board. A Certified Public Accountant carefully examines the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Treasurer, and canvasses all of the securities of the Board, and makes his Report to the Auditing Committee, which in turn makes the report of its findings in writing to the Board.

Part Six — Ministerial Relief Informants and Their Work

Every Classis in our Church has elected a Ministerial Relief Informant of your Board. These Informants are a vital part of the work of your

Board. They have the general supervision of our aged and disabled ministers and the widows of our ministers, assist in the work of Ministerial Relief and the Sustentation Fund, and officially represent your Board in their respective Classes. In reality they are more than Informants—they are Superintendents of Ministerial Relief. Through them your Board works in each Classis.

THE DUTIES OF THE INFORMANTS

The work of each Classical Ministerial Relief Informant, as designed by your Board, is as follows:

- 1. Each Informant shall be the official representative of the Board in his Classis.
- 2. He shall endorse all new applications for Ministerial Relief, and shall recommend to the Board the amount of annuity that should be granted to each Relief annuitant of his Classis.
- 3. He annually shall make a report to the Board on the physical and financial condition of each Relief annuitant in his Classis.
- 4. He shall help to enroll every eligible minister of his Classis in the Sustentation Fund, and shall give the name and address of every eligible minister not enrolled in the Sustentation Fund to the Board whenever requested.
- 5. He at once shall report to the Board the name of any minister received by his Classis, and dismissed to another Classis or District, or to another denomination.
- 6. He shall inform the Board of the change of address of any minister within his Classis.
- 7. He immediately shall report to the Board the death of any minister within his Classis, any case of immediate need, and any emergency requiring the attention of the Board.
- 8. He shall assist the Board as far as possible in the work of the completion of the Sustentation Fund in his Classis.
- 9. He shall make a written report annually to his Classis of all the work he has done for Ministerial Relief in his Classis.

A Word of Appreciation

Our Ministerial Relief Informants have done good work for the cause of Ministerial Relief during the last biennium. All of the Informants performed the duties marked 1, 2, 3, and 9 above. However, we regret that some of our Informants failed to perform their other duties. Your Board greatly appreciates the labor of love performed by our Informants, and takes this opportunity to thank them for the services they have rendered our aged and disabled ministers and the widows of our ministers.

REQUEST

We ask the General Synod to request the Classes of our Church to elect Ministerial Relief Informants annually, after consulting with the Board of Ministerial Relief.

Part Seven — Additional Items

The work of your Board of Ministerial Relief is large and extensive. There are a number of phases of work of the Board, at which only we can hint in our report to the General Synod, and which we cannot describe in detail because of lack of space. The following are some of the additional items of work to which we call your attention briefly.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows is a continuation of the first Ministerial Relief organization of the Reformed Church, which was named the "Widows' Fund" and was established in 1773. On February 10, 1920, the Society united its work with your Board,

but retained its charter, organization, and invested funds. The Society had 255 life members on March 31, 1935. It, however, received no new members since 1920. The Society meets annually as also does its Executive Board. During 1933-1934 the 86 annuitants of the Society received \$4,854.04 in annuities through your Board; and during 1934-1935 the 85 annuitants received \$6,031.93. The accounting is done in the office of your Board and the banking in the Girard Trust Company, Philadelphia.

THE WORK OF THE OFFICE

It may be of interest to learn how the office of your Board receives and disburses its money. Two persons, one of whom is the Treasurer, open all mail and record each individual receipt of money. Our Accountant thereupon is handed the money, for which she writes a receipt, and makes the proper entries in the books of the Board. After that an Accountant makes up the bank deposits, which must check with the amounts first written by the clerk, who helps to open the mail, and with the deposits

written into the bank books by the several banks.

The correspondence of your Board is large. We write thousands of letters each year. It takes much time and labor to attend to the accounting of the six departments of the Board, and to prepare the financial statements of these departments; to prepare for the meetings of our Finance Committee each month; of our Executive Committee several times a year; and of our annual meeting; the writing of the minutes of all these meetings; the writing and mailing of approximately 400 annuitant checks each quarter; the preparation and mailing of the literature of the Board; the research work and the preparation of the new plans of the Board; the investing of the money of the Board; the analysis of each investment purchased; the care of the investments; and the clipping of the coupons of the bonds of the Board; the filing of the Board; the preparation of the reports to the Classes, Synods, and the General Synod; the preparation of material for our expert Actuary; the care of the Annuity Bonds and Memorial Funds; the entertainment of callers; and a hundred and one other things done in the office of your Board. The office of your Board is a very busy place from the beginning of each year to the close of it, and it is remarkable how much work is turned out by the office force. If the office did not have an accurate scedule of work for weeks ahead, it could not possibly accomplish as much as it does.

OUR ACTUARY

For a number of years Mr. George A. Huggins has been Actuary of your Board. He also is the Actuary of the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Christian Church, and other denominations. We often consult Mr. Huggins and he gives us valuable information. He has formulated our Sustentation Fund and has prepared plans to finance fully the Sustentation Fund and the Pension Fund of our Church, and has drafted a plan for a new Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. At the close of each year he prepares for us the Valuation of our Sustention Fund, showing the condition of the Members' Reserve and of the Church's Reserve, how much is needed to complete the Church's Reserve, and what percentage of the maximum benefits we can pay each year. Mr. Huggins also gives us valuable advice along other lines of the work of your Board.

CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION

Your Board conducts a Campaign of Ministerial Relief education each year by means of personal letters to our pastors and people, the publication of our "Ministerial Relief Quarterly," the distribution of literature, articles in our Church papers, an annual special edition of our Church papers, the rendition of a special Ministerial Relief Service in our congregations each year, and the like. We believe that this campaign of education is very helpful. During the early stages of our Sustentation Fund Campaign in 1926 we discovered that our people unfortunately knew little about Ministerial Relief, and therefore were not greatly interested in it. Since that time we have conducted a vigorous campaign of education each year, and now we find that most of our pastors and people understand Ministerial Relief quite well, and that year by year they are becoming more interested in it, which is shown by their contributions to it and the intelligent manner in which they speak of it.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF MONTH

The General Synod of the Reformed Church designated the month of September each year as the time in which to present the cause of Ministerial Relief to our people. Therefore, during the last biennium many of our congregations observed Ministerial Relief Sunday each year by rendering a special Ministerial Relief Service. The cause of Ministerial Relief was presented at these services, and in some instances special offerings were received.

- 1. We ask the General Synod to request the Classes and Districts of our Church to urge their pastors to take occasion to present the most worthy cause of Ministerial Relief as often as they have opportunity in their sermons, church organization meetings, catechetical classes, and family visitation.
- 2. We ask the General Synod to request the several Classes to urge their respective congregations and Sunday Schools to observe Ministerial Relief Day by a special service during the month of November each year, in order to conform to the custom of the Evangelical Synod, and at that time to make a special thank offering for Ministerial Relief.

Part Eight — The New Board of Pensions and Relief

Three Conferences of your Board of Ministerial Relief and your Board of Pension and Relief were held in order to consolidate the work of the two Boards and to establish a new "Board of Pensions and Relief," as directed by the General Synod in 1934. The consolidation of the work of the two Boards and the establishment of a new Board were thoroughly considered at these three Conferences, but no definite commitments were made by either Board.

Your Board of Ministerial Relief desires and is striving for the consolidation of the work of the two Boards under a new "Board of Pensions and Relief." We believe that the work of the two Boards can be consolidated on a just and equitable basis. We, moreover, are assured that the best interests of the cause of Ministerial Relief will be promoted and served when the General Synod authorizes the granting of a Charter to the new "Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church."

CONCLUSION

Year by year your Board is rendering needful financial help to our veteran ministers, to their families, and to our Church. If it were not for the help of your Board, many of our aged and disabled ministers and their widows would find it difficult to live outside of a state or charitable institution. Our only regret is that our Church does not contribute enough money to provide them with adequate support.

Your Board of Ministerial Relief is in excellent condition in every way. While the ministers, and the widows and minor orphan children of ministers, for whom we are responsible, have a larger amount of Ministerial Relief protection than they ever had, this protection is not yet sufficient to support them in reasonable comfort.

Your Board needs the greatest amount of moral support that the General Synod can give us, as well as the prayers, co-operation, and contributions of every minister and member of our Church. Our aged and

disabled ministers and our widows of ministers are looking to the General

Synod to make plans in order to give them better support.

Our kind Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the many blessings and favors Thou hast bestowed upon us. Give our ministers and Church members power greatly to extend Thy Kingdom upon the earth. Remember in tender mercy, we beseech Thee, our aged and disabled ministers and the widows of our ministers. Put the arms of Thy love round about them, comfort them, support them, and sustain them. Do Thou move the hearts of our people to love them as Thou dost love them, and to supply their every need. These things we ask in the name and in the merits of Thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry N. Bassler, President. William H. Bollman, Vice-President. J. W. Meminger, Secretary. Eugene L. McLean, Treasurer.

Board of Ministerial Relief

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II. Assets as of December 31, 1935

	Investment		Total
	Par Value		Assets
Church's Reserve		6 \$ 976.23	\$ 888,352.19
Members' Reserve	402,948.3	260.55	403,208.94
	\$1,290,324.3	\$1,236.78	\$1,291,561.13
Annuity Bond Account			57.709.18
Additional Benefit Reserve			15.754.19
Campaign Department			103.33
	\$1,363,024.3	\$2,103,48	\$1,365,127.83
Relief Department			143,013.19
Grand Total Assets	\$1,505,162.6	\$2,978.38	\$1,508,141.02
III. INVESTMENT	S AS OF DECEMBE	er 31, 1935	
	Par	Purchase	Market
	Value	Price	Value
Church's Reserve		\$ 687,824.25	\$ 736,347.2
Members' Reserve	. 402,948.39	349,322.21	360,305.27
		\$1,037,146.46	\$1,096,652.48
Annuity Bond Account		52,178.75	52,955.00
Additional Benefit Reserve	15,400.00	14,119.06	15,639.38
Total Sustentation Fund	\$1,363,024.35	\$1,103,444.27	\$1,165,246.8
Relief Department	142,138.29	121,054.87	130,525.7
Grand Total of All Investments	\$1,505,162.64	\$1,224,499.14	\$1,295,772.6
1935 Total Investments	\$1,505,162.64	\$1,224,499.14	\$1,295,772.6
1934 Total Investments	1,452,613.25	1,168,533.22	1,141,574.1
Gain 1935 Over 1934	.\$ 52,549.39	\$ 55,965.92	\$ 154,198.5

IV CROWTH OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF

IV. GROWTH OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF						
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YEAR	Annui		tifi-	Annui-		Two Societies
2 13111	tants	Annuities		tants	Annuities	(After 1919)
1905-06	1	\$ 45.00	-		\$	\$ 213.36
1906-07	_	190.00				364.10
1907-08		568.00				1,417.64
	14	1,277.50				1,679.23
	18	1,464.05				2,526.63
	21	1,888.70				4,012.76
	31	2,379.50				5,868.80
	33	2,944.00				7,227.90
1913-14		3,547.52				9,465.38
	51	4,979.00				10,366.26
	57	6,121.50				11,737.08
	63	7,606.75				15,001.96
	67	9,223.00	15			16,574.98
	68	9,811.50	23			19,842.98
1919-20	77	11,248.50	47			33,319.91
1920-21	127	22,452.75	106			261,634.21
	133	30,818.75	320			356,853.48
1922-23	137	33,132.50	646	2	85.00	435.972.10
1923-24	151	35,808.75	704	10	951.75	535,760.65
1924-25	156	38,880.00	750	14	1,224.78	638,752.60
1925-26	164	41,741.58	810	25	1,936.75	759,146.03
1926-9 mos.	186	37,408.70	891	24	1,615.93	885,562.70
1927	205	54,784.22	922	35	3,132.01	1,044,117.78
1928	218	60,313.85	953	45	3,680.36	1,180,663.26
	253	72,417.46	979	63	6,009.64	1,301,475.73
1930	269	77,524.14	1,008	83	8,935.78	1,418,201.34
1931	270	73,627.88	1,037	93	10,881.62	1,485,036.28
	269	64,631.22	1,052	106	14,515.61	1,548,142.66
1933	262	44,833.06	1,063	136	17,467.32	1,586,505.90
	258	48,081.87	1,074	161	22,012.62	1,608,194.40
1935	253	46,460.05	1,083	181	27,112.02	1,658,158.02
1905-1935	575	\$846,211.30	1,083	223	\$119,561.19	\$1,658,158.02
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The foregoing reports to the General Synod from the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod and from the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church were referred to the Committee on Pensions and Relief. This Committee reported on Tuesday evening through its Chairman, Dr. Marsby J. Roth. The report was considered and action taken item by item.

Items 1-9 inclusive were adopted.

Item 10 was referred to the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod.

Items 11-13 were adopted—later the General Synod voted to reconsider its action taken on Item 13 and it was recommitted to the Executive Committee's Committee on Correlation and Promotion.

Items 14-16 inclusive were successively adopted.

The report was finally adopted as a whole. The General Synod then rose and was led in prayer by Drs. Otto Press and W. W. Rowe. The report, as finally adopted, reads as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL PENSIONS AND RELIEF

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

To your Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief were referred the Report of the Board of Pension and Relief (Evangelical); the Report of the Board of Ministerial Relief (Reformed); five Overtures of the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod and the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church, printed in the White Book, Pages 17 and 18; and an Overture from the West Susquehanna Classis of the Eastern Synod, printed in the White Book, Page 21.

The Board of Pension and Relief

The Pension Fund of the Evangelical Board of Pension and Relief was established in 1910. Later a little over \$6,000 in assets and the care of approximately 68 pastors and 82 widows and children were turned over to the Pension Fund by the "Invalidenkasse." Today the Pension Fund has total assets of \$947,917, including an endowment fund of \$883,564. In 1935 the Fund cared for 143 pasors, 264 widows, 19 children, and 16 special cases of relief. These 442 persons were paid \$107,108.94 in 1935. The Fund pays a minimum of \$200 a year and a maximum of \$350 a year to pastors, and 80 per cent thereof to the widows of pastors.

The Pension Fund has a definite scale of members' premiums, and the Church supports it through gifts and contributions, and the establishment of a larger endowment fund. The Pension Fund has 884 active members and 103 annuitant members, a total of 987, consisting of pastors, men and women missionaries, and commissioned workers. Since the General Conference of 1933, commissioned workers no longer are eligible for membership in the Fund.

We are glad that the Board of Pension and Relief has two Pastors' Homes: one Home of four cottages and a duplex at Bensenville, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago; and another Home of ten cottages and a duplex at Blue Springs, Missouri, a suburb of Kansas City. At the latter Home two

new cottages will be built this coming summer.

We are grateful to the members of the Women's Union that they take a lively interest in the work of Pensions and Relief. The Women's Union built a cottage at Blue Springs and gave one-third of its Thank Offering for additional relief.

The Board of Pension and Relief believes that it is necessary for the Church to support the work of Pensions and Relief by an apportionment from its annual budget each year. This must continue until the Pension

Fund has sufficient assets to pay adequate pensions and relief.

The Board also calls attention to the obligation of the Publishing House to pay the Pension Fund \$10,000 a year out of its profits. During the depression the Publishing House declared its inability to pay \$10,000 a year to the Fund, which appears to have handicapped the Fund financially

The Board of Ministerial Relief

The Reformed Church Board of Ministerial Relief expects our new Church to give the most worthy cause of Ministerial Relief its rightful place in the program of our Kingdom work. It asserts that Ministerial Relief is not charity but simple justice; and that our aged and disabled ministers have as much right to be supported by our Church as have our active pastors, missionaries, teachers, and executives.

The Board of Ministerial Relief has a Relief Department and a Sustentation Fund. The Relief Department is supported largely by the apportionment received, and during the years 1934 and 1935 gave annuities of \$94,541.92 to 94 ministers and 195 widows of ministers. It appears that the Relief annuitants are not adequately supported by the Church and that they need twice as much as the Board can give them.

The Sustentation Fund is a Pension Fund. On December 31, 1935, the Fund had 732 active paying members. The annuitants numbered 176; of whom 51 were seventy-year ministers, 30 disabled ministers, 90 widows of ministers and 5 orphans of ministers. The annuities of these 176 annuitants amounted to \$27,060.76. The dues paid and the interest thereon constitute the Members' Reserve of the Fund, which had total assets of \$403,208.94. The money received from Church members and the interest thereon constitute the Church's Reserve of the Fund, which had total assets of \$888,352.19. The Members' Reserve is fully financed, because the dues, which constitute 20% of the 100% financing of the Fund, are paid in full. Therefore the Members' Reserve pays 20% of the maximum benefits. But the Church's Reserve is financed only 30% and therefore pays only 30% of the maximum benefits, instead of the required 80%. Thus the Sustentation Fund can pay only 20% plus 30%, or 50% of its maximum benefits at the present time. Every effort is being made by the Board to finance the Sustentation Fund in full and to pay the benefits 100%, especially by means of the Additional Financing of the Fund.

The finances of the Board of Ministerial Relief seem to be well managed and in satisfactory condition. The Board has a good financial policy, modern accounting, and is economical. It either gives to its annuitants or invests for their future benefit every cent it receives from the Church. The Board invests its money carefully and safeguards its investments well. It is a pleasure to note that after paying all annuities and expenses the assets of the Board have grown year by year, and during each of several years have grown over \$100,000.00; that the total assets of the Board on December 31, 1935, were \$1,508,141.02, and of the Board and the Society \$1,658,158.02, counting the investments at par; that the Relief annuities have advanced from \$45.00 in 1905-06 to \$46,460.05 in 1935, and were as high as \$77,524.14 in 1930; that the Sustentation Fund benefits have increased year by year from \$85.00 in 1922-23 to \$27,112.02 in 1935; and that the Board has no debts.

The Board on December 31, 1935, had 63 Memorial Funds, amounting to \$58,135.28 in cash, and \$145,189.07 when completed; 91 Annuity Bonds, amounting to \$58,347.00; and has received several bequests during the last biennium.

The old Society for Relief continues to operate under its Charter, but has transferred all of its annuitants to the Board, to which it pays all of its interest income, less necessary expenses, for the annuities of its annuitants.

Union of the Two Boards

A Committee of the Board of Ministerial Relief and a Committee of the Board of Pension and Relief are making plans to unify the work of Ministerial Pensions and Relief under one Board of the General Synod. These Committees have made progress in uniting the work of the two boards, and no doubt will unite their work as soon as the Constitution of the new Church is adopted, and a Charter is granted to the new "Board of Pensions and Relief."

Recommendations

Your Committee recommends the following for your consideration and action: That

1. The General Synod hereby records its gratitude to our kind Heavenly Father for His blessings upon the most deserving work of Ministerial

Pensions and Relief; and further expresses its thanks to our pastors and people, and especially to the Evangelical Women's Union, for their contributions of prayer, time, and money to this Christ-like service of our Church.

2. The General Synod hereby expresses its appreciation of the excellent work done by the Board of Pension and Relief and by the Board of Ministerial Relief, and commends them for their efforts to unite their

work under one Board of the General Synod.

3. The General Synod, through the Districts and Classes of our Church, urges our pastors and people to provide more justly and adequately for our veteran ministers and the widows of our ministers through the apportionment or budget of our Church, and through our Pension Fund or Funds.

4. The General Synod believes and recommends that our Church should endeavor to provide Ministerial Pensions and Relief for our aged and disabled ministers and the widows of our ministers as follows: \$1,000 a year for an aged or disabled minister and his wife; \$700 for an aged or disabled minister; and \$600 for a widow of a minister. The Church also should provide adequately for the orphans of our ministers.

5. The General Synod commends a pension for our ministers because (1) It is Christian; (2) It is social justice; (3) It is a payment, due for services rendered; (4) It is needed; and (5) It is the best possible economic security that the Church can provide for a minister and

his family in time of his old age, disability, or death.

6. The General Synod requests each congregation of our Church to make contributions every year to the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod or to the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church, or to a new Pension Fund, established by the General Synod, for the purpose of increasing the benefits of the members of the above Funds.

7. The General Synod, through the Districts and Classes, urges every pastor and congregation to co-operate heartily with the Board of Pension and Relief, the Board of Ministerial Relief, or with a united Board of Pensions and Relief, when it is established, to increase the annuities of our aged and disabled ministers and the widows of our ministers.

8. In the union of the "E" Board of Pension and Relief and the "R" Board of Ministerial Relief, the General Synod urges that the members of the "E" Pension Fund, the members of the "R" Sustentation Fund, and the Relief annuitants of each group shall be given just and equitable treatment and settlements.

9. The General Synod commends to the individual members of our Church and to our Church organizations the erection of cottages as memorials at our Pastors' Homes in Bensenville, Illinois, and in Blue Springs, Missouri. The General Synod also suggests the establishment of Pastors' Homes in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and other states.

10. The General Synod requests the Eden Publishing House to fulfill its past obligations to the Evangelical Board of Pension and Relief, and

in the future to pay a per cent. of its profits to the Board.

11. The General Synod recommends to all our pastors and people the giving of Memorial Funds, Annuity Bonds, and Bequests to the most worthy cause of Ministerial Pensions and Relief.

12. The General Synod requests each District and Classis of our Church to appoint annually a competent Committee or a well qualified Informant, to assist in the work of Ministerial Pensions and Relief.

- 13. The General Synod, through the Districts and Classes, requests pastors and congregations to observe Ministerial Pension and Relief Sunday on the last Sunday of October, or on one of the first three Sundays of November each year, with a special service and the presentation of this work.
 - 14. Since overtures 1, 2, and 3 of the Board of Pension and Relief

and the Board of Ministerial Relief are covered in the proposed new Constitution and By-laws of the Church, your Committee believes that these three overtures need not be considered in connection with this report

The General Synod, however, adopts overture 4, which reads as follows: "The General Synod shall authorize the new Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to establish and maintain a Relief Department for the care of ministers and widows of ministers of the Evangelical and Reformed Church who are in urgent need and financial distress, which Relief Department shall be financed by an Apportionment, adopted by the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and by such other sums as may be contributed for this specific Department."

15. In reply to the overture of West Susquehanna Classis, the General Synod recommends: that since, in accordance with the original plan of the Sustentation Fund, each member of the Fund shall contribute his dues, and the Church shall contribute the remainder of the money needed to finance the Fund in full and to pay the maximum benefits of the Fund; therefore each Classis and the Board of Ministerial Relief shall work out a plan, whereby to further finance the Sustentation Fund, and, if possible, to increase the benefits of the Fund to 100%. The second part of the overture is covered by the new Constitution of the Church.

16. The General Synod shall engage in a season of prayer for all of our ministers and their wives, and especially for our veteran ministers and the widows of our ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsby J. Roth Rudolph Vieweg Alvin O. Engelmann John W. Keener Otto Kienker Philip G. Goebel Theo. F. Schumacher Dr. G. A. Sayers L. C. Brandt John G. Abele

5. Foreign Missions

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS (Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

Endeavoring to report briefly the outstanding events and accomplishments of our mission work in India and Honduras, including our activities at the home base, since the merger conference of the Evangelical Synod of N. A. and the Reformed Church in the U. S. held on June 26, 1934, we find it manifestly difficult to avoid repeating what has been mentioned in previous reports to the Evangelical Synod.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE MERGER

While for the present both boards have continued to hold their meetings as usual, we have learned of each other's problems and have gradually formulated in our minds a common policy which may bring about a united administration of the foreign missionary task of the united Church by having delegates attend the regular meetings of each Board, so that the members of both boards might become acquainted with the entire work which will eventually be conducted by one board of the merged church.

Pursuant to instructions received at a joint meeting of the two Boards of Foreign Missions held in Cleveland, Ohio, June 25th, 1934, the secretaries of these boards prepared an illustrated booklet of 40 pages entitled "New World Horizons" intended to acquaint the two constituencies of the Church with the missionary history, accomplishments and present activities of both groups. It was presented to the united Church with the hope that it might become the means in God's hand of enriching and inspiring the missionary interest of all of our people, by disseminating as a handbook of information adequate knowledge concerning the missionary endeavors of the united church in Japan, China, Iraq, India and Honduras. "New World Horizons" was published in the late summer of 1935 and the quick disposal of 25,000 copies shows that it is being widely read by our people.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

In the early part of the two years under review at this time, our Board gave much thought and effort to promoting an adequate observance of the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of foreign missionary work as an integral part of the program of the Evangelical Synod of N. A. Anniversary programs, pamphlets and plays, providing interesting and helpful material, were issued. As the same year marked the 75th anniversary of the home missionary endeavors of the Synod, two books were issued jointly with the Home Mission Board. "Missionary Horizons" with daily devotions for one month and an historical booklet of permanent value entitled "Missionary Trails." Both were widely used and created a general interest in the missionary achievements of the Evangelical Synod.

DR. PAUL A. MENZEL DIED JULY 4, 1934

We cannot undertake to review the events of the two years under discussion without mentioning the death of the Rev. Paul A. Menzel, D.D., for many years the esteemed and beloved Executive Secretary of the Board, which occurred on July 4th, 1934, a few weeks after the Merger Conference. For thirty-nine years Dr. Menzel had been intimately connected with the work of the Board of Foreign Missions. Those of us who worked with him, board members and missionaries, believe that the missionary endeavors of our church would not have attained their present development without his outstanding and gracious influence, his fine Christian personality, his unbounded faith in God. His contribution to the work of our Synod and the kingdom at large has been so extraordinary and outstanding that his loss is deeply deplored not only by his coworkers but by the entire constituency of the church.

RELOCATION OF THE BOARD OFFICE

The death of Dr. Menzel made necessary a relocation of the office maintained at Washington, D. C., and concentration of the work in offices located in the Evangelical Synod House at St. Louis, with the Associate Secretary, the Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D., in full charge as Executive Secretary.

The Board as at present organized, consists of the following members: Rev. Theo. R. Schmale, Chairman, Rev. E. Schmidt, vice-chairman, Rev. A. C. Rasche, D.D., recording secretary, Mr. Paul H. Schulz, Detroit, Michigan, treasurer, Rev. J. Otto Reller, Rev. G. Siegenthaler, Rev. Th. H. Twente, Mrs. Ida Pauley, Mrs. A. J. Ehlers, and Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D., Executive Secretary.

PROMOTIONAL WORK

Promotional work has been done by means of printed matter, stereopticon slides and by extensive touring on the part of missionaries on furlough, Mrs. Lang, and Secretary Goetsch.

In addition to "Missionary Horizons," "Missionary Trails" and "New World Horizons" we published, in order to present the appeal of Hon-

duras, the booklet "We Are Fifteen." The title was suggested by the coincidence that in the fifteen years of carrying on work in Central America fifteen missionaries have been called to this field. The fact that three of these workers have had to return to the homeland, because of health conditions, has been offset, numerically speaking, by the addition of three native teachers, so that the editor, Miss Meta S. Schlundt, states "in the year 1935 it can still be said 'We Are Fifteen.'" This booklet, in giving full information on our work in Honduras, forms fine supplemental reading for classes using study books on Latin America.

Wall size maps of our fields in India and Honduras were reprinted. Several reprints had to be made of small informational leaflets and folders intended for free distribution. Special materials—posters, programs, etc.—were gotten out for the Foreign Missions Emphasis Sunday.

Three new stereopticon slide lectures have been prepared and the fifteen sets now on hand are in constant demand.

Practically every District of the Synod and many of the churches and conferences of the "R" group have been visited by missionaries on furlough, Dr. Goetsch or Mrs. Lang, the field secretary of the Evangelical Society for Medical Missions. Summer schools, camps and conferences have been supplied with missionary teachers and speakers. In a number of instances the District Foreign Missions Committees arranged the itineraries for the missionary representatives. We feel confident that the interest created by the promotional work of the Board is doing much in helping the churches to raise their synodical budget.

THE EVANGELICAL SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL MISSIONS

In promoting the medical branch of our work this auxiliary society of our Board has been rendering a valuable service to our entire church. The officers are: E. Th. Mueller, M.D., president, Paul Sandresky, M.D., vice-president, A. H. Noehren, M.D., treasurer, Rev. G. Siegenthaler, corresponding secretary, M. C. Lang, M.D., financial secretary, Mrs. M. C. Lang, field secretary—address: 2117 Belair Road, Baltimore, Md.

We quote the following from the latest report of Dr. Mueller, the president of the organization:

In giving an annual report of the activities of the Evangelical Society for Medical Missions I am conscious of a sense of gratitude and satisfaction over the fact that we have had a share in an enterprise, which in a very special way gives concrete proof to the message of the Church that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. What our physicians and nurses in India and Honduras are doing is more than curing patients, relieving pain, improving sanitary conditions in cities and villages. When we read the reports of our American Evangelical Hospital in Tilda, of the Leper Hospital in Chandkuri, of the visitations of the nurses in Honduras, we may see in every consultation, in every operation, in every drink of water given to a patient, the healing hand of the Master, touching each patient and bringing him in contact with the great love which He came to reveal and which He still reveals through the lives of His followers. Since each failure to help, may be interpreted by these primitive patients as a failure of Christ's love, we must see to it that our hospitals and dispensaries are equipped with the most effective tools science can provide. It is a source of satisfaction to us that we did assist the Foreign Mission Board very substantially in this.

Our Field Secretary, Mrs. Lang, has travelled far and near, has addressed, during 1935, 190 meetings of congregations, Regional Conferences and conventions of the Evangelical and Reformed groups of our church in order to arouse interest and enthusiasm for the medical branch of our foreign mission work. We are very grateful for the fine response which she found wherever she went.

The financial contributions, large and small, enabled us to complete the installation of electric light and X-ray equipment in the Tilda Hospital. The erection of a much needed enclosure of the hospital compound in Tilda is now assured, thanks to a very generous gift of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed Church.

The great mortality among the Indian women due to childbirth constituted for us a very urgent appeal for help. Since a lady physician was not available, and a male physician is called only in the most desperate cases, the best we could do was to train a nurse in obstetrics. Since there is at present no facility for such a training in the United States, we suggested to the Board to send Sister Minnie Gadt to the Deutsches Institut fuer Aerztliche Mission, in Tuebingen, Germany, where she was privileged to take a one year's course in obstetrics at the University Hospital for Women. The expenses of this special training were taken care of by our Society.

Funds were also raised for paying the salaries of Dr. Whitcomb and one of the nurses and for medical journals and books to keep our workers in touch with the progress of medicine. Many contributions for medical supplies were received and forwarded to the Board.

In order to keep in contact with our affiliated membership, which at present numbers 400, our Society has a regular publication "The Bulletin" which appears every three months and is edited by Dr. Lang. It brings reports from our own medical mission work and also items of interest from other medical missions.

In December we held our annual Field Day in Baltimore, Md. Among the speakers were the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. D. Baker, Rev. A. V. Casselman, D.D., Rev. M. P. Davis, Miss Elise Kettler, Dr. and Mrs. Lang, Rev. W. C. Nugent, Rev. G. Siegenthaler and Rev. J. B. Yaukey. The morning was given to addresses in services and Sunday schools of various churches. The afternoon was devoted to sectional conferences in which a rotating group of speakers addressed each section. These conferences were followed by a supper meeting, at which time lantern slides were shown. A mass meeting in the auditorium of the church—St. John's Evangelical—concluded the splendid day. A large attendance from the various churches of the Evangelical and Reformed group was most interested and enthusiastic.

In addition to these promotional activities, we could serve the Foreign Mission Board in an advisory capacity whenever medical questions were involved. In several doubtful cases the reports of medical examinations of missionaries and missionary candidates were submitted to us for review and advice. Problems arising in the development of our medical mission in India and Honduras were repeatedly discussed with us at Board meetings.

While so cooperating as an auxiliary organization with the Board of Foreign Missions, we enjoyed the fine brotherly spirit which prevailed in all meetings and expressed itself in every correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. Mueller, M.D.

The Board appreciates the service rendered by the Society—the help and medical advice so willingly given by Drs. Mueller and Noehren, the zeal of Dr. and Mrs. Lang and the officers in promoting the work, and the contributions of the membership—which made possible the carrying out of the work mentioned by Dr. Mueller.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Without the help of the Evangelical Women's Union it would not have been possible to establish the new mission station in Yoro, Honduras, the

training school for native workers in Pinalejo, the long delayed additions to the St. Paul's High School in Raipur and the Anglo-Vernacular Middle School in Mahasamund.

Building Programs Delayed. Because of reduced budget receipts the Board had requested the Missionary Conference to delay all building projects, including even the major repairs of mission buildings wherever possible. The contemplated building program of the High School was delayed for several reasons although the funds for a science laboratory and additional class rooms had been available for two years.—The Provincial Government has been giving no grants-in-aid for school buildings for several years. The political situation has been uncertain to the extent that it is not exactly known what attitude the application of the new constitution (for India) will take towards mission educational institutions. Furthermore it was considered wise to wait and find out what effect the introduction of the "conscience clause" would have upon the teaching of religion in the school.—Although it is impossible to say with certainty just what the attitude towards mission schools will be, in years to come, the present attendance and attitude give no reason to suspect that there will be any prejudice against the mission schools, although it is possible that maintenance grants will be further cut or eliminated. "In our opinion," reports the Executive Committee, "there is at present nothing on the horizons which seems to be detrimental to missionary freedom in educational work. The experience of three years with the conscience clause has been encouraging rather than discouraging and the contribution of Missions in the field of education seems to be fairly generally appreciated. We, therefore, have authorized the adoption of the building program. Dr. Goetsch gave his sanction on behalf of the Board."

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Federation of the Minnesota District has undertaken the project of raising \$1,000 in order to pay for the much-needed "Christian Bible Reader" for India. The first edition of the reader, which was ready for distribution early this year, has met with an enthusiastic reception on the part of pupils and teachers. The Bible stories were written by some of our Christian teachers under the strict supervision of Missionaries Menzel and Koenig who have been doing some valuable educational research work.

The Adult Bible Classes of St. Louis and vicinity have undertaken to raise \$2,000 for the digging of a new well at the Chandkuri Leper Asylum.

The special gifts, for the support of orphans, Biblewomen, catechists, scholarships, missionary salaries, etc., have again formed a large part of our income. Without these gifts it would have been impossible to carry on the work.

The India Field

GENERAL CONDITIONS

In spite of the fact that India at the present time is seething with political and social aspirations our work is not being disturbed anywhere, but the changes occurring are of greatest importance to the work of Christian missions. The breakdown of the old is proceeding unabated. "Don't worry about Christian missions," said a thoughtful Indian recently, "when the British government is gone and the imperial policy of the white man is discouraged, thousands of Indians will come out openly as followers of Christ." Whether this prophecy of an Indian should or should not be taken as an indication of what will actually take place, remains to be seen. Rev. Theo. Seybold, our missionary in charge of St. Paul's High School in Raipur, said in his latest annual report: "Undoubtedly, India is moving toward the great decision. Of late voices have been raised to question the right of missionaries to speak of the urgency of the present

situation in the great mission fields. I would say that we would be false to the home churches were we to describe it as anything but urgent. Whether one thinks of the task confronting the young Christian Church in the great mass movement areas or of the challenge given to the Church by the religious and social reform movement sweeping across the land, delay would seem disastrous." Today the Christian Church at home and the Christian forces on the field must be prepared to meet the rapidly changing conditions and demands of the present.

VISIT OF THE INDIA FIELD BY THE REV. F. A. GOETSCH, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

No representative of the Board had visited our India Mission field since 1923. The development of the Indian church, the rapidly changing conditions under which the highly diversified work has to be planned and carried on and the correlation of all types of mission activities to the supreme task of missions, has been discussed by the Board and its missionaries by way of correspondence until it was felt that only through personal conferences on the field could a clear understanding of the problems, which had accumulated in recent years, be reached, and clear and definite plans for the complete occupation of the field formulated. The Board requested its Executive Secretary, who has been a missionary in India for 18 years and so especially fitted for the task, to visit the field and study the prevailing problems in consultation with the missionaries and missionary leaders of the day. Dr. Goetsch willingly consented to undertake this task and also arranged to visit Japan and China in order to get acquainted with the work of our united Church in those countries. His reports tell of the gracious way in which he was received by the missionaries, in Japan and China, and given every opportunity to see them at work in the field of evangelism and in their splendid institutions of Christian education. At the time of this writing we have not received a report from him on his visit to India and the result of his conferences with our missionaries and representatives of the Indian Church. We have, however, the enthusiastic assurance, of individual missionaries and the Missionary Conference, that the visit of Dr. Goetsch has rendered our work a valuable and much appreciated service. The message from the Conference reads:

"We, the Missionary Conference, wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Board for sending the Executive Secretary, the Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D., to visit us and to strengthen our hands in the work. We suggest that the Board arrange for a periodic visitation of our field. The Conference is very happy to have experienced the fellowship, wise counsel and encouragement given us by our former co-worker and ever loyal friend, Dr. Goetsch. Through his visit the problems and policies of mission field and Board have been clarified. We wish to extend to Dr. Goetsch our warmest thanks. We appreciate the difficulties that the Board has to face in these times of financial stringency. We are fully aware of the fact that the Board always has the best interests of mission field and workers at heart. Therefore, we express wholehearted confidence in whatever measures the Board finds it necessary to adopt."

COOPERATION AND COMITY

The missionaries of the Evangelical Synod have been instrumental in establishing and promoting the principles of cooperation and comity among the various missions working in the Chhattisgarh Division of the Central Provinces. The spirit of wholehearted cooperation has been especially in evidence in the last years when the prevailing mass movements in various parts of India spread to the borders of the Central Provinces. The spirit of God is working in the mass movements among the depressed classes

and low-caste groups of the Indian communities. An extended survey of these movements, under leadership of Dr. J. W. Pickett, has revealed the beginning of group movements in our own area and has led our missionaries, together with those of other missions, to re-think their task in the spirit of expectancy, enthusiasm and readiness to devote themselves unitedly to work where the doors seem to be wide open and opportunities greatest among the low-castes. 57 missionaries of the American Mennonite Mission, the Disciples of Christ Mission and some of the Methodist Mission, met recently in Manku Ghat, near Baitalpur, to take counsel together how to be prepared to meet, as missions and churches, the challenge of the new day in the India mission field. In view of the fact that leaders of the "untouchables" and depressed classes have decided to abandon Hinduism and are interested in Christianity, united action and cooperation on the part of missions and churches is the demand of the hour.

As an illustration of the principles of missionary comity prevailing in our area, by which each mission recognizes the geographical boundary lines of the occupied area of another denomination, a recent boundary agreement between the American Mennonite Mission and our own Mission may be mentioned. Regarding the division of the field left vacant by the complete and final withdrawal of the Methodist Episcopal Church from the Chhattisgarh area, an agreement was reached between the American Mennonite and the American Evangelical Missions through their representatives, the latter assuming responsibility for the eastern side of the vacated territory in the Drug-Raipur Districts, and the former for the western side. All the territory lying north of the Bemetara boundary line shall be worked by the Evangelical and that south of it by the Mennonite Mission.

Many of the co-operating missions recognize a great need for more clergy training facilities to fill the all-too-thin ranks of well trained pastors in the India church. Efforts are being made to organize union theological colleges in Northern India and Chota Nagpur. Our own Mission reports a need for more and better trained elementary teachers and is looking to the Dhamtari Normal School of the Mennonite Mission to take our young men in for teacher's training.

Our Mission is also having a share in other cooperative enterprises such as The National Christian Council, the Mid-India Christian Council, to which we are entitled to send four delegates, the Chhattisgarh Christian Mela Association, North India Christian Tract and Book Society, Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Pendra Road, etc.

NEW WORKERS

Due to financial stringency new missionaries could not be called to fill all the vacancies of recent years caused by the withdrawal of a number of missionaries due to health conditions. The situation in India was somewhat relieved in 1934 and 1935 through the calling and commissioning of two ordained men for the service, namely the Rev. Harold G. Freund, M.D., in 1934 and the Rev. Theo. Essebaggers in 1935. Both of these have seen actual service in churches of the homeland. Dr. Freund has assumed the supervision of the work at the Tilda hospital during the furlough period of Dr. Whitcomb and family in 1936-37. The Rev. Mr. Essebaggers, after a year of language study, is to take the place of the Rev. John H. Schultz, Superintendent of the Chandkuri Leper Asylum, when the latter's furlough is due in 1937.

The entrance of these new missionaries does not actually increase the number of ordained missionaries in India and there are still vacancies to be filled. Our Honduras field has not seen a new missionary for the last 8 years. Due to illness or other compelling reasons, a number of our women missionaries had to return from India and remain in the home-

land. This loss of workers has been so great that the work among the women has been greatly curtailed. The Board is hopeful that one or the other of these missionaries may be fully retored to health and be able to return to the field. The Board is also hopeful that the financial condition will soon improve so that additional missionaries may be sent. In the meantime the Board continues to look for applications from young women with the necessary qualifications and a college degree for work in India. Our missionary conference pleads for more women missionaries who are able to train and lead Indian women in Christian service.

A summary of the statistical report for 1935 reveals the following: 24 missionaries, not including those on home furlough, carried on the work in India with the help of 5 Indian pastors, 104 catechists, 195 teachers, 16 Biblewomen, and 6 colporteurs in 54 schools with 4,238 pupils, 349 orphans and boarding children. Sunday school pupils number 5,513. Communicants 3,454. Catechumens 320. Deaths 157. Inmates of leper asylums: Raipur 121; Chandkuri 551 patients and 111 untainted children of leper parents. In the medical work there were 16,729 new cases; 114,620 attendances; 1,550 operations. Contributions by the Indian Church amounted to Rs. 7,531.

The churches in Tilda, and Chandrapur were erected entirely from funds raised in India. A community house was built in Parsabhader. Two congregations built homes for their pastors. Of course everything is done in a simple but substantial way and adapted to the Indian way of living.—Home mission work is being carried on in Phingeshwar. Three newly organized churches were admitted to membership in the India Mission District, namely Tilda, Pithora and Charpali. The first pastors' retreat was held in Bisrampur attended by 5 native pastors, 7 missionary pastors and 7 evangelists.

During the silver jubilee celebration of King Emperor George V Dr. J. Gass was presented with the Silver Jubilee medal by the Commissioner.

Honduras Field

It is worth while noticing how our Christian task in Honduras as undertaken by our Evangelical Mission has grown in the last two years in spite of the fact that during the past eight years we have not sent a single additional missionary to Honduras. In the beginning it was the north coast section of the Republic with San Pedro, a city of about 14,000 inhabitants and surrounded by many banana camps, which seemed to offer a large field for Christian service. Occasional trips into the interior, however, revealed many small villages and hamlets scattered among the hills and mountains which were not reached by any other mission. The northern Departments of Cortez, Atlantida, Yoro and the northern portion of Santa Barbara came to be acknowledged, by other established missions, as the mission field of our Evangelical and Reformed Church. The large banana trade of the area had resulted in the establishment of a number of American settlements by the American fruit companies, notably at Puerto Cortez, Tela, and La Ceiba while La Lima is a sugar plantation center. iliw essilita es etiael a Yoro

After a good deal of investigation the Missionary Conference, trying to avoid areas claimed by the Quakers but never worked by them, decided to have the Rev. Fr. Andres and Mrs. Andres, assisted by a Honduran evangelist, Jose Molina, establish a new center of evangelistic work in Yoro. This was accomplished in 1934.

No property has been acquired and the missionaries and native workers live in a rented place. The Evangelical Women's Union has made available the sum of \$3,592.00 for the purchase or the erection of suitable build-

ings. Building operations are being deferred in order to be certain as to the suitability of Yoro as a main-station. During the past year Pastor Andres has visited almost every village and hamlet of the area with the Christian message and has made many friendly contacts with the people who, as a rule, are eager to know the Christian message. On Good Friday, 1935, the first six members were received into the membership of the Evangelical congregation. Mrs. Andres finds a wide field for medical service.

PINALEJO

The second new mission center was established in Pinalejo, about 50 miles southwest of San Pedro, by the Rev. and Mrs. Walter H. Herrscher. Pinalejo offers splendid opportunities for evangelization, as there are about twelve towns and villages within close range. Both the Missionary Conference and the Board at home preferred not to acquire any property until the place has proven itself as the logical place for an inland station. The property of a former president was kindly offered to the missionaries on condition that it be put in good repair. This was done and the house occupied since May, 1934. Regular preaching services were held in one of the buildings and in the surrounding mountain villages. A theological seminary for the training of native evangelists was opened. Unfortunately Missionary Herrscher had to leave Pinalejo in the summer of 1935 in order to take over the work in San Pedro Sula when Missionary Auler's home furlough was due. After the return of the Aulers in January, 1936, the Herrschers again took up the work in Pinalejo. During their absence Pinalejo was under the care of a native evangelist, don Jorge Jacobs, and the Misses Sturm and Scheidt. Miss Sturm, a graduate nurse and deaconess, instructed five girls in a practical nurses' training course. Miss Scheidt did some fine evangelistic work in the Quimistan Valley assisted by the Evangelist and his wife. After three months Miss Scheidt had to return to San Pedro to take charge of the Girls' Boarding Home while Miss Kurz was away on home furlough. A good deal of shifting from field to field has been necessary in recent years because of the furloughs of the missionaries. This is always a handicap to the work and will remain so until more missionaries can be sent to relieve the situation. "Time and again," writes Mr. Herrscher, "we are impressed with the great vacant spaces that are not touched by our ministry. We rejoice, however, that a beginning has been made in training native workers and that four candidates are taking preparatory work in order to enter our seminary. That, however, does not supply our present need, as these students have three years of study ahead of them."

SAN PEDRO SULA, FOUNDED IN 1931

Missionaries in charge: The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Auler, Misses Anna Bechtold, Elise Goepfarth, Louise Vordenberg, Bertha Scheidt, Louise Kurz and Sister Hulda Sturm.

"San Pedro Sula still remains the center of missionary activity," reports Missionary Herrscher. "Our services are exceedingly well attended, but there seems to be the problem—why do we have so many hearers and so few (only 8 during 1935) to express a desire to affiliate with the congregation and partake of its privileges?"

The Mission Day School has a prominent place in our missionary program. From a report of Miss Bechtold, the principal, we take the following: "Our staff now consists of three regular national teachers, 1 pupil teacher and myself who devote full time to the school work, Misses Scheidt and Goepfarth giving part time. The total enrollment was 117 at the beginning of the school year. In addition, there have been seven special students, mostly graduates who continue their studies."

Due to the lack of funds and still more the lack of sufficient men mis-

sionaries, the Bethel Boarding Home for Boys had to be closed several years ago. Conditions have not changed and as yet it has been impossible to reopen the boarding home which gave such evident promise of being a real help in the early training of the youth of Honduras and winning them for Christian life and service.

Since the beginning of 1935 six Spanish and two English Sunday schools were conducted each week in seven centers. The evangelistic work of our missionaries has been very extensive in Puerto Cortez, Chamelecon, La Lima, Tela and other outlying places, and was participated in by the entire missionary force as much as their other duties would permit. The medical work was carried on by our missionary deaconess, Sister Hulda Sturm who ministered to the sick in city homes and in the lonely huts in the mountains.

The most urgent need of the Honduras field at the present time is at least one ordained American missionary and several native workers, teachers and evangelists.

"If the missionary activities in the foreign fields are to carry on successfully, a home constituency is needed which accepts the missionary task of the church as a God-given one and intelligently, prayerfully and sacrificially concerns itself with all of its needs." (F. A. Goetsch.)

Respectfully submitted,

E. Schmidt, Acting Executive Secretary.

Theo. R. Schmale, Chairman.

Financial Report

RECEIPTS		
	1934	1935
Budget	\$ 96,720.00	\$ 78,835.34
Special Designations	18,881.31	29,666.64
Special Projects	6,208.62	5,094.62
For Dr. Paul A. Menzel Memorial Fund	165.50	120.00
Interest and payment of note	3,558.96	1,987.82
Printed matter sales and slide rentals	1,026.93	492.00
Refunds: freight, travel, etc	603.89	1,445.65
Incidental sources	263.22	
	\$141,403.58	\$120,390.73
DISBURSEMENTS		
Budget allowance—India	\$101 920 00	\$ 78,835.34
Budget allowance—Honduras	18,881.31	7.699.75
Special Projects	2,116.02	7,368.38
Missionaries on Furlough—salary	8,400.38	9,216.17
Missionaries on Furlough—travel and equipment	4,328.86	6,790.00
Synodical Pension Fund Premiums	685.00	739.50
Miss Anna Jost	100.00	
Fire and Storm Insurance—Honduras	123.85	123.85
Registration India Miss. District delegates to Mer-		
ger Conference	100.00	
Cooperation in Interdenominational Boards	611.00	738.00
Interest on Annuities	1.905.00	1,845.00
Board and Executive Committee meetings	1,381.19	1,205.88
Secretariat	4,292.58	3,781.54
Promotional	2,329.44	3,157.40
	\$147,174.63	\$121,501.21

Liabilities

Due India Treasurer\$	8,340.00	\$ 27,773.90
Due Honduras Treasurer	4.815.75	14,420.00
Memorial Fund—Dr. Paul A. Menzel	165.50	293.01

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS (Reformed)

To the General Synod:

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God and a sincere appreciation of the loyal support of the Church in difficult days, together with a serious recognition of the challenging possibilities of the new relationship entered into thereby, that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States makes its first biennial report to the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Present Situation

Missionary administrators are in general agreement that the whole missionary enterprise of the Christian Church is entering upon a new era. This is evidenced by conditions within and without the Church, both at home and abroad. New or modified emphasis and new or modified content are demanded today of missionary motives, aims, objectives. There are new means, methods, criticisms, apologetics and needs. It should be thankfully noted that these things have been accomplished with new vision, hope and glory. But the time has come to reevaluate our missionary policies and revise our missionary technique.

The Missions in Japan, China and Mesopotamia cannot live in this new environment without being influenced by it. The problems that confront the Church and the world in general are the problems that our missionaries are called upon to face in particular. The home Church is in like manner influenced by this whole situation. There is a new attitude toward the foreign-mission enterprise of the Church, sometimes unintelligently critical, but always intense. We should be thankful that in such a day as this, seemingly providentially prepared for just such a time, we are confronted with the opportunity of reorganizing and administering our missionary work in a new Church under a new Board with a new name fitting this new age.

The Japan Mission

The work of the Japan Mission is associated with the Church of Christ in Japan, a union Church composed of all the forces, both missionary and Japanese, of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. The Church of Christ in Japan is the largest and most influential Christian denomination in Japan. There are 442 churches, with 282 pastors and 49,717 members; 617 Sunday Schools with 41,777 pupils; 2,967 were added to the Church by baptism last year.

THE EVANGELISTIC WORK

The evangelistic work of the Japan Mission has been prosecuted during the past year with commendable zeal and encouraging success by both Japanese pastors and evangelistic missionaries. The work has suffered distressingly because of the lack of sufficient financial support. But the workers have shown a most admirable and Christ-like spirit in placing the subject of finances in a secondary place, where it belongs, and putting the preaching of the Gospel first, where it belongs. The secretary of the Board had a number of interesting and helpful conferences last autumn with Japanese pastors and evangelists. They sent through him a message to the Church which reveals their evangelistic ideals and their appreciation of the help and sympathetic interest of the Church in America. In

addition to the regular evangelistic work of the pastor and congregation, mention should be made of the telling evangelistic results of the kindergarten, women evangelists' work, rural evangelism, newspaper evangelism, correspondence evangelism, and the health and community service of the Morioka Christian Education Center.

The death of two of our veteran evangelistic missionaries in the past two years is a decided and distressing loss to the evangelistic work of the Japan Mission. Dr. Christopher Noss died on December 31, 1934, and Dr. Henry K. Miller died on February 28, 1936. Each of these missionaries was an outstanding success in his field, honored and esteemed alike by Japanese and missionaries. Their experience and rich counsel are sadly missed at a time when sorely needed, and their vacant places should be filled at the earliest moment.

The most serious practical problem confronting our evangelistic missionaries in Japan these days is that of cooperation with the Japanese Church, which, as a natural accompaniment of the resurgence of intense nationalism, is increasingly conscious of its growing desire and ability to conduct its own ecclesiastical affairs, and the passing over to the national church of duties heretofore devolving upon and assumed by the missionaries. This is a new phase of missionary activity and constitutes a difficult task which calls for great tact, skill, grace, humility and love; but it is an achievement for which we have been laboring for years and for which we should thank God.

NORTH JAPAN COLLEGE

North Japan College will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary during the week of May 10th to 17th, 1936. The program includes a review of the history of the institution from its small beginnings to the present time, the names of prominent men as speakers, and also literary, musical, athletic and social events. During this celebration Dr. D. B. Schneder will retire as president of the college, and there will be inaugurated the first Japanese president of the institution, Dr. Teizaburo Demura. The whole program will begin with a thanksgiving service on Sunday, May 10th, and end with a consecration service on Sunday, May 17th. Dr. Schneder writes: "The student body now numbers 1,006, and there are 85 members in the faculty. The total number of young men graduated from the North Japan College during the past fifty years is 2,776. They are found in professional life, ministerial, educational, legal and medical; in political life; in official positions; in banking; in journalism; in business of various kinds; in mining; in farming, dairying and fishing. Everywhere they are well and favorably known. They are faithful and sincere, and of high character and ideals. They are a new leaven, making for a new society and a new world, working directly, indirectly, surely, for the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth."

MIYAGI COLLEGE

Miyagi College has had a very successful year, and is also preparing to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in September, 1936. Both North Japan College and Miyagi College were founded in the same year, and during this last half century both of them have grown together and worked together in providing opportunities of Christian education for the young men and young women of North Japan, and training leaders for the work of the Church in this section of the empire. In these years Miyagi College has furnished the women evangelists for the churches, outstanding teachers and musicians for congregations. Many pastors' wives are graduates of Miyagi College. Perhaps the most significant and prominent contribution Miyagi College has made to Japan is the number of Christian homes over which Miyagi College graduates preside. The future of Miyagi Col-

lege seems well assured. A recent letter from Dr. C. D. Kriete, President, says: "We have already one hundred and twelve applicants for the fifty vacancies in our high school freshman class." Dr. Kriete also reports that the Japanese government has recently granted to Miyagi College High School the status of a five-year school which makes this department of Miyagi College the equivalent of the best government institutions of similar rank in Tokyo and the ranking girls' high school of the city of Sendai

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE JAPAN MISSION

American Staff: Missionaries, 40; ordained men, 12; unordained men, 5; wives of missionaries, 14; unmarried women, 9; missionaries in evangelistic work, 6; missionaries in North Japan College, 9; missionaries in Miyagi College, 8; missionaries in kindergarten work, 9; missionaries in Mission Office, 1; missionaries retired, 2.

Japanese Staff: Total workers, 259; ordained men, 49; unordained men, 127; women (women evangelists, teachers and helpers), 84; Christians among Japanese workers, 223; men in evangelistic work, 72; workers in North Japan College, 76; workers in Miyagi College, 40; women evangelists, 23; kindergarten teachers, 26; missionary helpers, 23; in Mission Office, 1.

Evangelistic Work: Organized churches, 52; self-supporting churches, 19; preaching places, 99; communicants added, 483; losses during the year, 340; total communicants, 6,798; baptized children, 390; Sunday Schools, 146; Sunday School teachers, 448; total teachers and pupils, 10,633; Japanese contributions toward church work, \$15,287.00; Mission contribution, \$15,475.00.

Educational Work: Kindergartens, 12; pupils in kindergartens, 422; Miyagi College, total enrollment, 343; Miyagi College, academic department, 222; Miyagi College, college department, 103; Miyagi College, Bible training department, 18; North Japan College, total enrollment, 1,006; North Japan College, academic department, 612; North Japan College, college department, 363; North Japan College, theological department, 31; kindergartens, income from fees, \$2,064.00; Mission aid to kindergarten work, \$2,160.00; Miyagi College, income from fees, \$5,667.00; Mission aid to Miyagi College, \$7,046.00; North Japan College, income from fees, \$17,840.00; Mission aid to North Japan College, \$15,306.00.

The China Mission

The missionaries, the mission stations and missionary operations of the China Mission are associated with and a vital part of the Church of Christ in China, a union church representing thirteen missionary societies from three continents and a few Chinese Christian organizations. The latest available statistics show that there are 1,129 organized churches, of which almost one-half are self-supporting. There are in addition 1,296 groups of Christians meeting regularly for worship. The total membership is 122,039, making it the largest Christian body in China. North Hunan Classis centers around our Yochow Station and West Hunan Classis around the Shenchow Station.

As is well known, our Mission in China is located in the interior province of Hunan. This province never was a place for weaklings, and is not today. It is one of those provinces where the contest is still raging between Red Communists and the Government of China. However, during the past year the territory of northern Hunan, where our missionaries live and work, has been less disturbed than last year. There was one serious threat to the city of Shenchow which interfered with our schools for a time, but finally passed over without an attack on the city. The city of Yochow itself was not molested, but three of our out-stations suffered from

raids of Red bandits. All in all, the situation seems to be more settled and secure than last year, when our missionaries had to evacuate the Shenchow station. In the midst of all this uncertainty our missionaries are carrying on with zeal and courage which should be an inspiration to the Church here at home and which should challenge the Church to a more liberal support of these devoted followers of God.

THE EVANGELISTIC WORK

In the Yochow field the commendable fortitude of the Christians and their loyal pastors is graphically portrayed in this statement by Missionary Sterling W. Whitener: "I went to Taolin to see what damage had been done by the bandit raid. I found that the damage to the buildings had already been repaired, and the school was running again on regular schedule. How these people have the courage to be periodically looted, but just keep on, is a marvel to me. While I was at Taolin on Sunday, December 22nd, thirty-three adults and two children were baptized." At a conference with the pastors and evangelists of the Yochow field during his visit last summer, the secretary of the Board was presented with a beautifully written scroll containing greetings to the Church in America. A portion of it reads as follows: "To the Brethren of the Whole Church: In our ministry, at the present time, we are beset with serious trials and troubles, among which are famine and banditry. What measure of success we have had in our efforts to serve our suffering people and to save our country have been possible only by the help of God and the strength we find in Him. Brothers and Sisters, our dearly Beloved, to whom these words come: May you find rich joy in sharing with us such help as you may be able to give while we are striving to realize the ideal set forth in these words, The Coming of His Kingdom."

The evangelistic work in Shenchow has been prospering splendidly in the midst of circumstances that would try the hearts of the strongest.

Missionary George R. Snyder writes in a recent letter:

"The year of 1935 was passed by our Shenchow Station either in or near the Communistic-controlled territory of two Red leaders. There were several threats against Shenchow itself and two out-posts and large parts of our country territory for short periods. Regardless of this the work continued with encouraging results. During the year in five out-stations there were 17 new additions to the Church. In the Shenchow city territory there were 22 additions. The Yungsui-Paotsing territory reached the 117 mark by the end of 1935, with the addition of 28 members during the year. One cannot help but rejoice in the steady growth that has marked this church since 1930. At that time there were but 35 members. More than 336 per cent net growth in six years gives all of us great cause of rejoicing and hope."

THE EDUCATIONAL WORK

The educational work of the China Mission has been prosecuted with great success during the past year in spite of distressing financial difficulties. This result has been attained by the self-sacrificing devotion and consecration of missionary teachers and their Chinese Christian associates.

What we used to know as Huping College has now been changed into Huping Agricultural Normal School. The college work formerly done at Huping is transferred to Central China College. The work of Huping Agricultural Normal School, at Yochow, has attracted wide-spread attention and secured the cooperation of both local and provincial educational authorities. During the visit of the secretary of the Board in China last summer, he had an interview with the Commissioner of Education of the province of Hunan, who spoke most appreciatively and encouragingly of the new emphasis of the Christian work done at Huping. He himself was an earnest Christian and promised that in his official capacity he would do everything possible to cooperate in the work at Huping.

Eastview Boys' School, at Shenchow, continues to provide the highest type of education for young men to be found in that whole region, and is making a name and a place for itself in this rapidly developing section of the province of which Shenchow is the center.

Of the Ziemer Memorial Girls' School, at Yochow, Miss Gertrude Hoy writes in a recent letter: "We have finished the second week in the spring term of Ziemer Girls' School. We now have an enrollment of 142, which is larger than it has been for several years. Everybody is anticipating a good year of work." The government high school for girls in Yochow has been closed and the students are advised to attend our Ziemer Memorial Girls' School.

Chenteh Girls' School, at Shenchow, had an enrollment last fall of 134 students. The reports from the school stress the significance of a full attendance in the Religious Education classes and the growing importance of the Music Department.

In addition to the schools above-mentioned, there are a large number of primary schools associated with these schools or with congregations, which are sources of student supply for the more advanced schools. It should be said that many of the finest evangelistic contacts are secured through the pupils of these primary schools.

Union Institutions

In addition to the institutions under the direct control of the China Mission, the Reformed Church is associated in China with five Union Institutions of learning.

Central China College at Wuchang, the union institution in which our educational work of collegiate grade is carried on, has had a very prosperous year. The institution is one of the smaller colleges of Central China, but is one of the best. Although the college has not the land, equipment, endowment, or teaching staff that is required by the Chinese Government, yet the work done is of such a superior grade and the students graduated are of such a high type, that the Chinese Government has given the college an exceptional grant of thousands of dollars. The Department of Education of Central China College has been assigned to the Reformed Church. Through the gifts of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, this last year a superior laboratory school for practice teaching has been made possible for the Department of Education.

The theological training for our China Mission is done in the Central China Union Theological Seminary at Wuchang. Last year our missionary, Dr. Paul E. Keller, was elected president of this institution.

In the city of Changsha, the capital of Hunan Province, are located two senior high schools with which we are associated in union with other missions—Yali Boys' High School, a portion of Yale in China, and Fuh Siang Girls' High School.

Then, through the contributions of the Woman's Missionary Society, the Reformed Church is associated with one of the great interdenominational Women's Colleges of China, Ginling College of Nanking.

THE MEDICAL WORK

The medical work of the China Mission is carried on at David Schneder Hoy Memorial Hospital, at Yochow, and Abounding Grace Hospital, at Shenchow. The work of these two hospitals has been seriously handicapped in the last year by a lack of supervision in the executive administration due to the fact that we have no missionary physician on the field. However, our missionary nurses, with the aid of Chinese physicians, are carrying on nobly. In each of these fields the work of the hospitals has attracted the attention of the medical and health authorities of the prov-

ince. The authorities at each of the hospitals have been approached by provincial medical officials with the suggestion that these two hospitals be definitely linked up with the whole health program of the Government. The government officials assure the hospitals that this cooperation with the government program of health and preventive medicine will not in the least interfere with the religious program of the hospital, and the Christian workers in the hospital are free to carry on their religious activities. It is believed that in this new connection there are great opportunities of congenial contact for Christian work.

If we are to continue our medical work in China, it is absolutely necessary that at least one American doctor be sent out to the China Mission at the earliest possible moment. The Board of Foreign Missions has appointed a committee to challenge the doctors and nurses of the Reformed Church to contribute the support of this American doctor in China.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CHINA MISSION

American Staff: Missionaries, 28; ordained men, 9; unordained men, 1; wives of missionaries, 9; unmarried women, 9; missionaries in evangelistic work, 6; missionaries in educational work, 9; missionaries in medical work, 3; missionaries retired, 1.

Chinese Staff: Total Chinese workers, 107; ordained men, 6; unordained men in evangelistic work, 34; Bible women and helpers, 14; men teachers, 33; women teachers, 15; professing Christians among teachers, 40; physicians, 2; nurses, 5.

Evangelistic Work: Organized churches, 7; preaching places, 25; communicants added, 81; total communicants, 797; total Christian constituency, 2,329; Sunday Schools, 31; Sunday School teachers, 97; total teachers and pupils, 1,319; Chinese contributions to Church, \$683.00.

Educational Work: Kindergartens, 2; pupils in kindergartens, 49; primary schools, 8; pupils in primary schools, 539; Huping Agricultural Normal School, 139; Ziemer Memorial Girls' School, 163; Eastview Middle Schools, 253; Chenteh Girls' School, 209; total income from fees, \$5,231.00.

Medical Work: Hospitals, 2; number of beds, 74; number of in-patients, 786; dispensaries, 4; dispensary treatments, 15,468; circuit and home treatments, 570; Chinese contributions, \$1,071.00.

Union Educational Institutions: Number of union institutions, 5; missionaries assigned by Reformed Church, 3.

The Mesopotamia Mission

The United Mission in Mesopotamia is the united work of three denominations, the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the Reformed Church in America and the Reformed Church in the United States.

Our representatives in the United Mission in Mesopotamia, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Glessner, returned to their station in Kirkuk last year after spending their furlough in America. No small portion of the missionary work in the Moslem world is the distribution of the Scriptures and Christian literature. Many people in Mesopotamia, who would never come inside of a Christian church, will buy a Christian book and read it. So missionary Glessner took back with him an innovation in the line of equipment, which he calls "our new Bible wagon." He says: "It is a great help. There are still villages, of course, into which the motor road does not lead, in which case the old faithful donkey must be pressed into service; but the greater part of our field can be covered by car. Our Bible wagon is a closed, half-ton delivery truck, and it surely delivers the goods."

For ten years the Reformed Church supported in the city of Baghdad a very successful and promising educational institution known as the American School for Boys. When the Board was forced to reduce its expenditures drastically two years ago because of decreasing receipts from the Church it was reluctantly compelled on May 11th, 1934, to discontinue its support.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE UNITED MISSION IN MESOPOTAMIA

American Staff: Ordained missionaries, 5; wives of missionaries, 5; unmarried women, 2. Native Staff: Ordained men, 4; unordained evangelists, 7. Evangelistic Work: Stations, 5; organized churches, 2; preaching places, 8; communicants, 295; received on confession, 14; Sunday Schools, 3; Sunday School pupils, 172. Educational Work: Girls' Boarding School, 1; students, 6; day schools, 2; students, 162. Contributions on the field, \$3,200.00.

Missionaries in Service

The missionaries of the Reformed Church in the employ of the Board at the present time are listed below in the order of their seniority of service.

Japan: Dr. and Mrs. David B. Schneder, Sendai; Dr. and Mrs. Paul L. Gerhard, Sendai; Miss B. Catherine Pifer, Tokyo; Dr. and Mrs. William G. Seiple, Sendai; Miss Mary E. Gerhard, Sendai; Dr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Zaugg, Sendai; Dr. Kate I. Hansen, Sendai; Miss Lydia A. Lindsey, Sendai; Dr. and Mrs. Carl D. Kriete, Sendai; Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Ankeney, Sendai; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nicodemus, Sendai; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar M. Stoudt, Sendai; Rev. and Mrs. Frank L. Fesperman, Sendai; Rev. and Mrs. W. Carl Nugent, Yamagata; Rev. and Mrs. George S. Noss, Aomori; Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Schroer, Morioka; Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Gerhard, Sendai; Rev. and Mrs. Marcus J. Engelmann, Wakamatsu; Miss Harriet P. Smith, Sendai; Mr. Charles M. LeGalley, Sendai; Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Sipple, Sendai; Miss Margaret Garman, Sendai; Miss Alice M. Ilsley, Sendai; Miss Alma C. Naefe, Sendai; Miss Marie Leidal, Sendai

China: Mrs. Mary B. Hoy, retired, Yochow; Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Keller, Wuchang; Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Bucher, Shenchow; Rev. and Mrs. Edwin A. Beck, Yochow; Miss Alice E. Traub, Yochow; Rev. and Mrs. Ward Hartman, Yungsui; Miss Gertrude B. Hoy, Yochow; Rev. and Mrs. Karl H. Beck, Yochow; Miss Mary E. Myers, Yochow; Miss Minerva S. Weil, Shenchow; Rev. and Mrs. George Randolph Snyder, Shenchow; Rev. and Mrs. Sterling W. Whitener, Yochow; Miss A. Katharine Zierdt, Shenchow; Miss Erna J. Flatter, Yochow; Dr. and Mrs. Paul V. Taylor, Wuchang; Rev. and Mrs. Theophilus F. Hilgeman, Shenchow; Mr. John D. Beck, Yochow; Miss Helen E. Brown, Shenchow; Miss Lucile Hartman, Peiping.

Mesopotamia: Rev. and Mrs. Jefferson C. Glessner, Kirkuk.

The Work at Home

A very valuable and vital connection was made between the work abroad and the work at home during the past year by the visit of the secretary of the Board to the Missions in Japan and China. This visit was not only a source of great personal pleasure to both the missionaries and the secretary, but the direct contact of the work and workers gave to both the secretary and the missionaries the appreciation and understanding of the present situation both at home and abroad which will be of inestimable value in the administration of the affairs of the Board. Some of the personal observations of the secretary's visit may be summed up as follows: The inspiring progress of a generation of missionary work. The striking changes that have taken place in the Orient in the last ten years.

The changing missionary technique demanded by the necessity of meeting the needs of the changing life of the Orient. The fact that this change is being successfully made in these days of great financial and economic stress. A wise and humble recognition of past mistakes and errors and a consecrated determination to rectify them. The essential unity of the work in the midst of changing times and methods and emphases. Accompanying this unity the evidence everywhere of a definite trend toward missionary specialization. A new emphasis on evangelism to be found everywhere. Special emphasis being given to the needs of rural people. The growing power and purpose in the Japanese and Chinese Church along with which there is the development of strong leaders in these national churches. The consequent development of serious problems of missionary administration and cooperation. The statesmanlike planning for the future of the churches of China and Japan. Then finally there is the confident assurance of the permanency of the Christian Church in the Orient.

BOARD PERSONNEL

Membership: Rev. Charles E. Creitz, D.D., Rev. Albert B. Bauman, D.D., Rev. George W. Richards, D.D., LL.D., Rev. William F. Kosman, D.D., Rev. Calvin M. Zenk, D.D., Rev. Edgar F. Hoffmeier, D.D., Rev. Tillman W. Hoernemann, D.D., Rev. Gerard H. Gebhardt, Elder David A. Miller, Elder J. Q. Truxal, Elder Henry C. Heckerman, Elder Edward S. Fretz, Elder John B. Mohler, Elder E. Fred Bloemker, Elder G. Willis Hartman, M.D., and Elder William W. Anspach, member emeritus.

Officers: President, Rev. Charles E. Creitz, D.D.; Vice-President, Elder Henry C. Heckerman; Secretary, Rev. Arthur V. Casselman, D.D.; Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, Rev. John H. Poorman; Treasurer, Rev. Jacob G. Rupp, D.D.

Field Secretaries: Rev. Jacob G. Rupp, D.D., Allentown, Pa.; Rev. H. H. Casselman, Tiffin, Ohio.

Associate Workers: Secretary, Department of Missionary Education, Mr. Charles M. LeGalley; Advisory Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, Mrs. F. W. Leich; Mrs. Thomas E. Jarrell; Mrs. L. L. Anewalt.

Executive Committee: Rev. Charles E. Creitz, D.D., Elder Henry C. Heckerman, Rev. Arthur V. Casselman, D.D., Rev. Jacob G. Rupp, D.D., Rev. George W. Richards, D.D., Elder David A. Miller, Elder J. Q. Truxal.

Finance Committee: Elder David A. Miller, Elder J. Q. Truxal, Elder John B. Mohler, Elder E. Fred Bloemker, Rev. Jacob G. Rupp, D.D., Mrs. Thomas E. Jarrell.

At the meeting of the Board on June 25th, 1934, Rev. John H. Poorman, Assistant Secretary, was also elected Assistant Treasurer. In this dual capacity he has been rendering exceptionally valuable service to the Board, and the experience of the past two years has proved the wisdom of this action.

At the annual meeting of the Board on March 3rd, 1936, Field Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. J. G. Rupp, presented his twenty-fifth annual report as field secretary. He entered the service of the Board in December, 1910, and during these twenty-five years has been instrumental in securing substantial offerings for the support of the work and saving many a desperate financial situation for the Board. His twenty-five years of faithful service deserve the commendation of the entire Church.

On account of serious ill health, which disabled him for service, Rev. Daniel Burghalter, D.D., was compelled to retire as western field secretary on January 16th, 1934. At the special request of the members of the Board representing the western section of the Church, the Board elected Rev. H. H. Casselman field secretary for Ohio and Mid-West Synods, on the

basis of part-time service. Rev. Mr. Casselman was formerly a member of the Japan Mission and was obliged to relinquish his work on account of ill health. He knows our mission work intimately and is able to present it most acceptably to the congregations of the Church.

IN MEMORIAM

In the death of Rev. Frederick Mayer, D.D., late of Youngstown, Ohio, June 20, 1935, the Board of Foreign Missions lost a valued supporter and former member. For twenty-four years he labored with his fellow-workers in the Board for the extension of the Kingdom "unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Dr. John H. Dubbs, who served as the medical examiner of the Board during a period of sixteen years, died at his home in Philadelphia on September 13, 1935.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Missionaries on Furlough: The following missionaries are now on furlough in the United States: Rev. and Mrs. Karl H. Beck, of Yochow, China; Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Hilgeman, of Shenchow, China; Rev. and Mrs. W. Carl Nugent, of Yamagata, Japan; Miss Erna J. Flatter, of Yochow, China; Prof. and Mrs. Carl S. Sipple, of Sendai, Japan; and Dr. and Mrs. William G. Seiple, of Sendai, Japan. Most of these missionaries, except Dr. and Mrs. Seiple, who have been compelled to return on account of Mrs. Seiple's serious illness, will return to their fields this coming fall. The following missionaries' furloughs are due this year, and they will be returning to America this year: Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Schneder, of North Japan College, Sendai, Japan; Miss Mary E. Gerhard, of North Japan College, Sendai, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. George S. Noss, of Aomori, Japan; and Dr. and Mrs. Paul V. Taylor, of Central China College, Wuchang, China.

Missionaries Returning: It is always a pleasure to report the return of missionaries. The returning missionary is the best asset of the Church. The following missionaries returned to their fields of labor this past year: Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Kriete, to Miyagi College, Sendai, Japan; Miss Minerva S. Weil, to evangelistic work, Shenchow, China; Rev. and Mrs. Sterling W. Whitener, to evangelistic work, Yochow, China; Rev. and Mrs. Ward Hartman, to evangelistic work, Yungsui, China; Rev. and Mrs. Marcus J. Engelmann, to evangelistic work in Wakamatsu, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Glessner, to evangelistic work in Kirkuk, Iraq.

Missionaries Released: It is with the deepest regret that the Board has been compelled to release five very successful missionaries during the past two years. On account of decreased income Rev. and Mrs. David D. Baker, formerly associated with the American School for Boys at Baghdad, were released in 1935. Rev. and Mrs. Jesse B. Yaukey were compelled to relinquish their work for the present in Yochow, China, on account of the illness of their little daughter. Miss Mary E. Hoffman has found it necessary to resign her position as instructor in Home Economics in Miyagi College. It is a missionary calamity to lose the valued services of these missionaries at this time.

New Missionaries: The following new missionaries have gone out to Japan: Miss Alice M. Ilsley, instructor in piano in Miyagi College; Miss Alma C. Naefe, instructor in English in Miyagi College; Miss Marie Leidal, instructor in voice in Miyagi College. These three young ladies are replacements to fill vacant positions on the Miyagi College faculty. Miss Lucile Hartman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ward Hartman, is under appointment for evangelistic work in China.

NEW MISSIONARIES NEEDED

There are several definite immediate needs in missionary personnel at the present time. The Japan Mission is calling very earnestly for two evangelistic missionaries, one of them to be sent out this September. These people are urgently needed to take the places left vacant by the death of those two eminently successful evangelistic missionaries, Dr. Christopher Noss and Dr. Henry K. Miller. As already stated, there is also a very definite need for a doctor to have administrative charge of our hospitals in China. There are also needed in China two evangelistic workers and two teachers. There is a call also for a lady teacher, representing the Reformed Church, to fill the quota of missionaries assigned to the Reformed Church in the United Mission in Mesopotamia.

IMPORTANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

Funds of the Board, June 25, 1934: That the accountant's books shall be set up around five specific funds as follows: The General Fund, The Special Fund, The Memorial Reserve Fund, The Annuity Fund, The Debt Liquidation Fund.

The General Fund shall include all monies received and expended for

the regular items of the budget.

The Special Fund shall include all extra-budget funds which are spe-

cially designated by the donors for special use.

The Memorial Reserve Fund shall be established for the purpose of keeping intact as a reserve fund, memorials which have been presented to the Board by legacy or otherwise. It is suggested that all securities now held by the Board be disposed of and applied to the Debt Liquidation Fund; that there be established a Memorial Reserve Fund new as of July 1st, 1934; and that the Treasurer be instructed to prepare a list of all memorial gifts and all specially-designated funds which have been expended by the Board in its general work, and that these be restored to this fund as soon as possible. The Memorial Reserve Fund is to be kept intact on the books and in the records of the Board. The Board shall also maintain and publish in its report a memorial list of the donors of the Fund. The Fund is to be invested in safe securities. Heretofore a me morial legacy has been invested in a certain security. If that security decreased in value or became worthless the memorial depreciated or was lost. In this plan memorial gifts will all be placed in one fund and insured in various ways as a whole. In this manner, if there is a loss it is suffered by all and no one memorial legacy is obliterated or completely lost. On the other hand, all of the legacies share in any gain which is made. The regular income from the Memorial Reserve Fund, unless otherwise specially designated, shall be used to augment the regular budget in meeting those special opportunities for service which are constantly arising in the work of the Board and for which no preparation has been provided in the regular budget. In case of emergency, the Fund may be drawn on but no new work shall be initiated until the Fund is restored to its full amount.

The Annuity Fund shall include all gifts received by the Board which are accompanied by annuity agreements. Annuity gifts shall be used for the liquidation of interest-bearing indebtedness of the Board as long as such indebtedness exists. When the Board is free from debt, annuity gifts shall be invested until the death of the donor or an annuity agreement purchased for the donor from some reputable insurance company issuing annuities. All annuity funds released by such process shall then be at the disposal of the Board for use in its work.

The Debt Liquidation Fund shall include all monies raised for the

liquidation of the debt.

Campaigns for Funds, July 7, 1934: That until the debt liquidation campaign of the Board has been completed we cannot approve any other campaign in the United States for funds for our work.

Special Support Projects, November 7, 1934: That the matter of applying the support of missionaries especially assigned to individual congrega-

tions be referred to the President and the Secretary for proper adjustment in each case; but that as a general principle the assignment of a missionary to an individual congregation for support be discouraged unless this support exceeds the apportionment of the congregation for Foreign Missions.

If, in the opinion of the pastor and consistory of any congregation the missionary interest and benevolence of the congregation will be stimulated and increased thereby, the Board will assign a missionary to any congregation whose total missionary offerings amount to a sum sufficient to support the missionary thus assigned. The Board will assign a project to any congregation whose pastor and consistory feel that the missionary interest and offerings of the congregation may be increased thereby.

Board Policies, March 21, 1935: That a Committee on Policy, composed of seven members, be appointed for the purpose of surveying our whole missionary work with a view to possible changes in policy and method.

The following committee was appointed: Dr. C. E. Creitz, Dr. George W. Richards, Dr. Edgar F. Hoffmeier, Dr. T. W. Hoernemann, Dr. A. V. Casselman, Elder John B. Mohler, and Mrs. L. L. Anewalt.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION

The Department of Missionary Education, maintained cooperatively by the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education and the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, is organized to make available missionary materials, guidance in the planning of missionary programs, and the training of leaders for missionary education in the local church. The summer missionary conferences at Frederick, Md., and Collegeville, Pa., are planned and conducted by the department. The department also cooperates in the planning of the missionary conferences and leadership training schools at Salisbury, N. C., Plymouth, Wis., Hanover, Ind., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Tiffin, O. Available from the department for use in local churches are stereopticon lectures presenting the work of missions at home and abroad, sixteen millimeter moving picture film presenting a large variety of subjects in these two fields, curios, photographic enlargements and a series of "Lookies," small attractively bound snapshot albums. Any of this material may be secured from the Department of Missionary Education, 904 Schaff Bldg., Philadelphia.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Board and the Church at large owe much to the Woman's Missionary Society for its continued interest and loyal support. Without the generous gifts received from the Woman's Missionary Society, the Board of Foreign Missions would be compelled immediately to abandon some of its most promising work. To avoid such a catastrophe some arrangement must be made in the new organization of the merged church for the conservation and cultivation of the gifts of the Woman's Missionary Society. The outstanding gift to the Board in the years of 1934 and 1935 was that of \$52,500.00 from the Woman's Missionary Society for the indebtedness of the Board. In addition to this generous gift the Society has contributed to the regular budget of the Board in 1934 and 1935 the sum of \$79,515.25.

THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS

The "Outlook of Missions" continues to be a valuable means of promoting missionary activity and providing material for missionary education. It has enlarged its scope by including articles on the work in India and Honduras. Many communications have been received from subscribers urging its continuance. Its future is being considered by a joint committee on missionary periodical literature composed of representatives of both the Reformed and Evangelical constituencies of the Church, It is

the consensus of opinion of this joint committee that a monthly periodical should be published for the presentation of home and foreign missions.

FOREIGN MISSION DAY

Foreign Mission Day was observed universally and enthusiastically and with great educational and financial results in the year 1935. However, Foreign Mission Day this year, 1936, coincided with one of the most severe storms that swept this country. Many of our congregations held no service and for many of our people it was impossible to attend the church service when held. In consequence, the offerings on Foreign Mission Day were severely interfered with. However, from all sections of the Church assurances have come from pastors saying that the cause would not be forgotten although the observance on the particular day appointed was impossible. The Board of Foreign Missions earnestly requests that the entire Epiphany season, culminating with Foreign Mission Day on the second Sunday in February, be set aside as a season for missionary emphasis with special reference to prayer for missions, missionary study and missionary giving.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

The report of the Board at the last meeting of the General Synod showed that the deficit of the Board, as of December 30th, 1933, was \$307,-211.76. On December 31st, 1935, the deficit was \$131,413.47. Since that time the deficit has been further reduced until it is \$118,201.23 at the present writing, May 1st, 1936. In addition to this reduction of the debt the Board has been able to live within its income during the past two years. However, this desired result was obtained not so much by the liberality of the Church as by the sacrifice of the missionaries. The distressing cut of forty per cent on all of our work is still in force. The missionaries have been loyal to the limit. However, that limit has been reached. We cannot go on another year as we have the past two years. Some of this devastating cut in the salaries of the missionaries and their co-workers must be restored. Savings and life insurance have been used up in many instances. The following quotations from missionaries' letters are typical: "Our Mission force is so depleted that we scarcely know what to do with the work." "Our evangelistic work is in serious condition and no replacement in sight." "We dare not lose any more men, that is sure." "We are living on borrowed money and that won't last forever." "We spent our savings to keep the children in school last year and it has been impossible to keep them in school this year at our present salary." "I should not like to spend many years like this past one." "It is not that I wish to complain but I do not believe anybody could keep up under such a load for a very long time."

It is gratifying to note that during the last two years there has been an increase in the offerings for foreign missions. If this increase can be kept up, then our present foreign missionary operations can be maintained. If, however, this increase does not continue, or especially if a decrease in offerings should occur within the next year or two, the Board of Foreign Missions will be compelled to abandon some of its work for the salvaging of which the missionaries have sacrificed so faithfully for the last two years. The Church ought to know and realize that the next two years are likely to be the most strategic ones in the history of the foreign missionary enterprise of our Church.

The Board has adopted a financial policy and it is well for the Church to consider it carefully. It is as follows:

- 1. By the exercise of every economy at home and abroad, and by the elimination of every non-essential, to try to hold the work we have.
 - 2. To maintain the work as it is until the debt is eliminated.

- 3. To accumulate a reserve fund to render impossible a future crippling and disabling indebtedness.
- 4. Then, while living within our income, to lead the Church into a constant healthy, well-founded, and adequately-supported advance in extending and enlarging the missionary work.

The crux of the whole financial situation during the next biennium lies in the second item of this policy. The offerings of the Church will decide whether it will be possible to hold the work we have while the debt is being eliminated.

THE BUDGET OF THE BOARD FOR 1937-38

Japan Mission, \$150,000.00; China Mission, \$90,000.00; Mesopotamia Mission, \$7,000.00; India Mission, \$10,000.00; Honduras Mission, \$3,000.00; \$7,000.00; Mesopotamia Mission, \$10,000.00; Honduras Mission, \$3,000.00; Mission, M Africa Mission, \$2,000.00; Administration, \$15,000.00; Field Work, \$7,000.00; Cooperative Departments, \$1,000.00; Interdenominational Work, \$1,000.00; Literature, \$1,000.00; Interest on notes, \$8,000.00; Interest on annuities, \$10,000.00; Emergency Fund, \$5,000.00; Debt Liquidation, \$40,-000.00; Total, \$350,000.00.

THE UNITED CHURCH

One of the most inspiring prospects before the Church is the consummation of the union of the Boards of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States. During the past year, at annual and semi-annual meetings, each Board has had visiting delegations from the other Board. In this way each Board is gaining an intimate knowledge of the activities of both Boards. We are finding that our work, with its purposes and problems at home and on the field, is the same. The members of both Boards contemplate the merging of the work with confidence and assurance. A Joint Commission composed of four members from each Board meets after the annual meeting of the Boards for the purpose of coordinating and correlating the work. The new world field provided by this union should prove an inspiration to the whole Church.

A hand-book of missionary information concerning the work of both Boards, entitled "New World Horizons," has been issued. Its wide circula-

tion and earnest study is commended to all our congregations.

One of the most significant and delightful events of the past year was the visit of the secretary of the Board of the Evangelical Synod, Dr. F. A. Goetsch, to our Missions in Japan and China. By his genial personality, his gracious fellowship and his generous gifts to each Mission, he completely won the hearts of our missionaries and their co-workers. No single event could have been more effective in cementing the missionary activities of the new Church than this visit of Secretary Goetsch.

THE PROSPECT

The foreign mission enterprise stands at the parting of the ways. Missionaries and missionary administrators are confronted with problems serious, complicated, and fraught with tremendous consequences for good or ill. But the members of the Board, the missionaries on the field, and the Church at home, should thank God that we are called upon to serve in such a time as this, and should face the future of our new Church and our new world with faith, hope, courage and assurance.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Creitz, President, Arthur V. Casselman, Secretary.

Treasurer's Statement

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1935

General Fund			
Budget Income:			
Apportionment\$	147,490,91		
Specials	7,814.29		
Woman's Missionary Society	36,999.99		
Bequests	7,428.84		
Foreign Mission Day	10,000.00		
Sale of Literature	143.56		
Suit of Editorature	140.00	· ·	209,877.5
Budget Expenses:		Ψ	203,011.0
	105 000 00		
Japan Mission\$			
China Mission	,		
Mesopotamia	4,515.00	404 054 00	
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Home Department:			
Administrative\$ 12,588.49			
Field Work 5,237.33			
	17,825.82		
Interest:			
Annuities \$ 9,946.09			
Notes 11,281.51			
	21,227.60		
Pension and Retirement Fund	4.480.45		
Cooperative Departments	1,000.00		
Literature and Stereopticon	1.077.76		
Interdenominational	700.00		
Sustentation Fund	58.41		
Emergency Fund			
Emergency Fund	1,525.50	47 005 54	
		47,895.54	
	\$	209,867.20	
Budget Income in Excess of Expenses	· · · · · · · · · ·	10.39	
	_	\$	209,877.5
Special Funds			
Designated Specials Fund			
Receipts		e	3,724.0
Disbursements	\$	3 787 36	5,124.0
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Balance in Banks, January 1, 1935	\$ 21,202.69
Receipts	
General Fund	\$209,877.59
Debt Liquidation Fund	98,474.38
Designated Specials Fund	3,724.03
Net Income	\$312,076,00
Loans, Time and On Demand	
20025, 21110 0114 011 2011414	\$339,241.37
Disbursements	
General Fund	\$209,867.20
Debt Liquidation Fund	125,515.59
Designated Specials Fund	339,170.15
	71.22
Cash in Banks and on Hand, Dec	ember 31, 1935\$ 21,273.91
FINANCIAL ST	ATEMENT
December 31,	1024-1025
Liabilities 193	
Bank Notes\$125,400.0	0 \$130,000.00
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	41,881.19 — 47,656.41
Deficit	.\$242,692.43 \$131,413.47
VALUATION OF BO.	ARD PROPERTY
Japan	\$1,700,000.00
China	315,836.00
	\$2,015,836.00
	Jacob G. Rupp, Treasurer.

The foregoing reports to the General Synod from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod and from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the U.S. were referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

This Committee made report on Tuesday evening through Dr. Timothy Lehmann and action was taken on its 24 items seriatim as follows:

Items 1 to 3 were adopted. Dr. Casselman spoke on the significance of a number of the items.

Item 4 was adopted with a rising vote.

Items 5 and 6 were severally adopted.

Item 7 was adopted with a rising vote at which time Dr. Jacob G. Rupp, Treasurer of the Reformed Church Board briefly addressed the Synod.

Items 8 to 20 were severally adopted. Time was extended to complete the consideration of the report.

Items 21 to 23 inclusive were adopted.

Item 24 was stricken from the report, and Item 25, now Item 24, was then adopted and the report finally adopted as a whole, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee read the report of the two Boards of our united Church. In hectic days like these we expect to find sunshine and rain, shining palms of victory and drooping willows of defeat. We thank God that the footprints of His grace mark the pathway of our missionaries in every area of their labors. We rejoice in the faith and hope and love of these pioneers, our representatives on the mission field. They are ambassadors of His good news, priests of His piety, and heralds of His redeeming grace. They share our greatest possession—Jesus Christ.

Japan

In spite of intense nationalism, our work in Japan shows commendable progress. North Japan College celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in May of this year and Miyagi School for Girls will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in September. North Japan College has an enrollment of 1,006 students. During its fifty years of work it graduated 2,776 young men. Dr. Schneder retired as President after years of distinguished service as the head of the largest college in our Church. The first native President of the College, Dr. Teizaburo Demura, was inaugurated during the Anniversary Thanksgiving Service. When Miyagi College will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in September it can rejoice in the contribution it makes to the spiritual life of Japan through the hundreds of graduates who are now Christian workers, pastors' wives, and outstanding teachers in the schools of the Empire.

Our evangelistic work in Japan is prosecuted through the Church of Christ in Japan, including the North and South Presbyterian Churches, the Reformed Church in America, and the Reformed Church in the United States, now the Evangelical and Reformed Church. In 1935 this united Church had 442 churches, 282 pastors, 49,717 members. 2,967 people were added by baptism this last year. It is the largest denomination in Japan.

China

Our work in China is prosecuted through the Church of Christ in China. 13 missionary societies from three continents and a few Chinese missionary societies work unitedly and cooperatively as the Church of Christ in China. There are 1,129 organized churches, in addition there are 1,296 worshipping groups, though not organized as congregations. The Church has a membership of 122,039. Here is our direct evangelistic work reaching the unreached by proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Our educational work is carried on through five educational institutions controlled by our Church and through a union effort in five additional institutions. Our work centers in Yochow with Huping Agricultural Normal School and Ziemer Memorial Girls' School and at Shenchow with the Eastview Boys' School, the Chenteh Girls' School and primary schools

through which students are supplied for our high schools.

Our Church supports in money and through three missionaries five additional schools, Central China College, Central China Union Theological Seminary, of which our missionary, Dr. Paul Keller, is President, Ginling College, Yali Boys' High School and Fuh Siang Girls' High School. These schools are located at Wuchang and at Changsha, the capital of Hunan Province.

Our medical work is done through two hospitals, the Schneder Hoy Memorial Hospital, at Yochow, and the Abounding Grace Hospital, at Shenchow. Chinese physicians and missionary nurses carry on the work. It is absolutely necessary to have one American physician on the medical staff. Here is a challenging need.

We have 28 missionaries in China, 107 native workers doing a great

work in the face of famine, banditry and communistic threats.

Mesopotamia

Our work in Mesopotamia is a union effort with the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the Reformed Church in America. Our representatives in this field are Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Glessner. With regret we report that the Board had to discontinue its support of the American School for Boys in Baghdad. Decreasing receipts compelled this action.

India

In the Central Provinces of India our Church has eight mission stations, which are staffed as follows: 11 men and 13 women; medical: 3 doctors, 2 ladies, 3 nurses, 5 native preachers. They are engaged in evangelistic, educational and medical work. There are 13 in the theological school and 11 in women's Bible training school.

In our leper asylum at Raipur are 121 patients. In Chandkuri 551 and

111 untainted children.

Five things stand out in the work. First of all we rejoice in a decided trend of larger numbers toward the acceptance of faith in Jesus Christ. Next we are made aware of greater effectiveness in medical service in the thorough equipment of our Tilda Hospital. Then we cannot but emphasize the large influence extended by our excellent high school in Raipur. In the fourth place progress is to be noted in the unification of our efforts in the Chhattisgarh area in the withdrawal of our Methodist brethren, thus leaving the field to our own workers. And last, but not least, we point out the exceptional services that are being rendered by means of our work among the lepers. Here two items deserve special mention. Our superintendent, the Rev. J. H. Schultz, has been delegated to promote this work for the Mission to Lepers in Australia, and our own Dr. H. H. Gass has attained to considerable prominence in his medical research in leprosy. If and when the Church gets behind their workers as the occasion demands, we shall truly hear of results that should fill our hearts with joy and gratitude toward God who has manifestly blessed us in India.

Honduras

In Honduras we have at work three missionaries and their wives, and six lady missionaries. They occupy three centers, from which they radiate into the outlying areas.

Coming as we did in 1921 into a neglected area in Central America and realizing the need of an aggressive program, the door to the inhabitants was opened by means of a school where confidence was established between missionary and child, and through child with parents and home.

Much patient effort was needed and years passed before expansion became possible. Now the foundations have been laid and progress can be reported in that we may actually expect a closer cooperation with the natives. A theological school has been opened and in medical service our nurse makes many additional contacts. If and when our home base enters upon a fuller appreciation of the many opportunities offered by providing more workers and a deeper interest, we shall be privileged to observe a clearer understanding of the meaning of the cross, which in superstion has long been held over this area. Let us go forward with our workers in faith and love!

Your Committee brings the following resolutions, commendations and recommendations:

1. We render to God our gratitude for the success, the support, and the growth of our missionary work in the face of great obstacles.

2. We acknowledge with profound gratitude the indispensable help of the Woman's Missionary Society and the Evangelical Women's Union in prosecuting the work of Christ among our brethren across the seas.

- 3. We share the unfaltering confidence of our missionaries in the faith that Jesus Christ is our greatest possession and that only those who share Him can keep Him. The Gospel's incomparable worth constrains us to share it.
- 4. We recognize the distinguished services rendered by Rev. Dr. Christopher Noss, Rev. Dr. Henry K. Miller, Rev. Dr. Paul A. Menzel, Rev. Dr. Frederick Mayer, Dr. John H. Dubbs and Dr. Jairus P. Moore. "They served their Master in life and their death was the crowning day of a good man's life."
- 5. We commend our missionaries for their spirit of unity, fellowship, and fraternal cooperation with other denominations and the growth of union; may it be an incentive for closer union at home.
- 6. We rejoice in the fiftieth anniversary of North Japan College and the fiftieth anniversary of Miyagi College. We recommend that the greetings of this Synod be cabled to the proper authorities.
- 7. We recognize and commend the twenty-five years of service, in an official capacity, to the Board of Foreign Missions, of the Rev. Dr. Jacob Rupp. He secured substantial offerings for the support of the work and saved many a desperate financial situation for the Board. The entire Church owes him a debt of gratitude for these many years of service. When the whole Church rallies to the support of International Missions his heart will rejoice.
- 8. We recommend to the united Church that immediate efforts be made to meet the dire needs of a physician in the China Missions, two evangelistic missionaries to the Japan Mission to take the place of Dr. Noss and Dr. Miller, one home economics teacher in Miyagi College, one teacher in Central China College, one lady teacher for the Girls' School in Iraq; for India, one ordained missionary, one physician, two women workers; for Honduras, one ordained missonary and one lady teacher.
- 9. Now that fifty years of uninterrupted work have passed in the Central Provinces of India, be it resolved that we encourage our faithful workers by hearty support at home in prayer and gifts and supplement their number as speedily as possible by supplying their personnel needs,

10. In Honduras excellent foundations have been laid and progress can be reported. Be it resolved, therefore, that we encourage our Board to enlarge the staff at the earliest possible moment by sending reinforcement.

11. We recommend to the whole Church that Foreign Mission Day be observed in February, 1937, and that we make a decided effort through a special offering in congregations and through the solicitation of special gifts from friends of the cause to cancel the debt of the Board. This is an outstanding necessity. It must be met through the friends of Christ.

12. We recommend the financial policy of the Board looking forward

to economy and efficiency.

13. We urge the whole Church to put forth every Christian effort through its congregations to pay the apportionment or quota in full that our work may be maintained while its debt is eliminated. Here is the

crux of our missionary effort.

14. We rejoice in the feeling of good-will, mutual respect and encouraging enthusiasm brought about in our Mission Fields through the visits of Rev. Dr. F. A. Goetsch and Rev. Dr. A. V. Casselman. These personal contacts leave their mark on visitor and visited. We trust that not only our official representatives make these visits now and then but also our ministers, laymen and lay women.

15. We recommend that any requests from individual congregations to support special projects on the mission fields be referred to the President and Secretary of the Board. Only when the apportionment or quota is taken care of by the congregation should these special projects be en-

couraged.

16. We recommend that a Memorial Reserve Fund be established, to include memorials which have been presented to the Board by legacy or otherwise. The Fund is to be invested in safe securities. The income of these securities, unless otherwise designated, shall be used to augment the regular budget in meeting special opportunities for service.

17. We commend the Annuity Fund: that all annuity gifts shall be placed into this Fund and the income used in the prosecution of the work. At the death of the donor funds thus released are at the disposal of the

Board.

18. We commend to the congregations the educational material available. "The Outlook of Missions," "Rethinking Our Task in India," by Dr. Goetsch, "The End of the Beginning," by Dr. Casselman, "Missionary Trails," "New World Horizons," "We Are Fifteen," the "Messenger," and the missionary slides and films. We need more films, and more human interest stories from the foreign field. Visual education must increase.

19. We recommend that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod of North America be authorized to reduce its membership

to six.

20. We recommend that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States be authorized to reduce its membership to six.

21. That, with the expressed purpose of conserving during this important transition period the wisdom and experience of both Boards, the General Synod elect to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States the following persons: Rev. Edgar F. Hoffmeier, D.D., Rev. G. H. Gebhardt, Rev. T. W. Hoernemann, D.D., Elder Henry C. Heckermann and Mrs. L. L. Anewaldt; and to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod of North America the following persons: Rev. Th. H. Twente, Rev. Theo. R. Schmale, Rev. A. C. Rasche, Mr. Paul Schulz, Mrs. Ida Pauley.

22. That the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States be and are hereby authorized while retaining their individual corporate existence and rights, to unite in forming The Board of International Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which

shall function in accordance with the provisions of Sections 97 and 98 of the proposed Constitution until such time as a Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall have been adopted by the Church, definitely defining the ecclesiastical and legal power and function of the Board of International Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

- 23. That for this transition period the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church be granted the privilege of coopting as advisory members, Dr. Chas. E. Creitz and Elder David A. Miller, and that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod of North America be granted the privilege of coopting as advisory members: Rev. E. Schmidt and Rev. G. Siegenthaler.
- 24. We recommend that this General Synod, through its Stated Clerk, send greetings to all our pastors and missionary workers in the foreign field, assuring them of our prayers, our love and our whole-hearted financial support in the great cause of discipling the nations.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan S. Meck Timothy Lehmann Walter Scheer Orris W. Haulman E. M. DeBuhr E. Seybold H. G. Umberger Fred J. Litterer Mrs. Ida Pauley Henry Albrecht

6. Christian Education and Publication REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Reformed)

To the General Synod:

In obedience to the instructions received from the General Synod of Cleveland in 1934, the Board of Christian Education has endeavored to carry on the work entrusted to it, as fully as the income provided by the General Synod warranted, and has made every effort to merge its work with the work of the Boards of the "E" group carrying similar responsibilities.

At the annual meeting of this Board, held April 22 and 23, 1936, the following resolutions were adopted as an overture to the General Synod:

"Resolved, That the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Religious Education, and the Evangelical League Board, jointly request the General Synod to apportion and make available the same amounts for each of these Boards for the next biennium as are at present being appropriated through whatever channels the General Synod may determine, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That since these Boards are convinced that it is essential that their *work* be unified as soon as possible, the said Boards hereby request the General Synod, even in advance of the adoption of the proposed new Constitution of the Church, to vote its approval to them to proceed immediately to unify their work (without disturbing the present legal status of these respective agencies) by the re-allocation of their staff responsibilities and the addition of such joint work as the respective incomes of these Boards when jointly pooled will make possible.

"Resolved, also, that this action be immediately communicated to the Board of Religious Education and the Evangelical League Board and commended to them for joint approval and action, and that a Sub-Committee with power to act be appointed to work out detailed budget plans for presentation to the Budget Committee of the Executive Committee of the General Synod."

In this connection the Board also overtures the General Synod as follows:

"Resolved, That the Board of Christian Education respectfully requests that if, in any case, the General Synod decided to ask for an apportionment for any agency or institution of the Church which is not under the control of the General Synod, the General Synod itself should act as the distributing agency for such cause or institution and not add the apportionment for such purpose to the amount apportioned to a Board of the General Synod."

It was also voted by the Board of Christian Education that

"We concur with the Eden Publishing House in overturing the General Synod to declare *The Messenger* to be the official organ of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and to transfer the financial responsibility of editing *The Messenger* from the Board of Christian Education and Eden Publishing House to the General Synod itself."

We beg to call the attention of the General Synod to the following matters of special interest which ought to be noted at this time:

1. Personnel of the Board. Present membership of the Board is as follows:

Rev. Lawrence E. Bair, D.D.; Rev. Henry J. Christman, D.D.; Rev. Elmer L. Coblentz, D.D.; Elder Harry W. Deitz; Rev. Paul J. Dundore, Ph.D.; Elder Harry E. Hartman; Prof. Theodore F. Herman, D.D.; Rev. E. G. Homrighausen, D.D.; Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, D.D.; Pres. G. L. Omwake, LL.D.; Elder David I. Prugh, Esq.; Rev. Richard Rettig; Rev. Alfred N. Sayres; Pres. Henry I. Stahr, LL.D.; Elder Milton Warner.

Advisory Members: Mrs. Lee M. Erdman, Mrs. F. Wm. Leich, Miss Margaret R. Motter.

2. The subscription list of the merged Church paper, *The Messenger*, is now almost 21,000. The subscription price is \$2.00 per annum for a journal of 24 pages. It is our hope to increase the number of pages as soon as the number of subscriptions and advertisements justifies this change. We cannot help feeling that in a denomination of our size the official journal should have at least 50,000 to 75,000 subscribers.

3. It is gratifying to report that the sale of the *Almanac and Year Book* which during the past two years has been published jointly, necessitated a second edition each year, and there are evidences that it is generally appreciated.

4. The amount apportioned by the General Synod was \$58,165.60, but in 1936 we received only \$25,067.96. We cannot help repeating that all thoughtful pastors and people must recognize this to be a pitifully inadequate sum for a cause so fundamental and far-reaching. It must be remembered also that, by direction of the General Synod, we have been expected to pay more than one-sixth of even this small amount to two of our institutions of learning.

5. Since the last meeting of the General Synod the Book Room and Church Supply Department of our Board has been located in the beautiful auditorium of Miller Hall, on the first floor of the Schaff Building, and is acknowledged to be one of the best equipped in Philadelphia.

6. Among the special tracts and pamphlets issued by the Board during the biennium we mention:

Continent Wide Increase Campaign; Christ in the Life of the Home; The Key to the Home Situation; Learning with Rural Children; About the Training of Leaders; Workers' Conference; Does Religious Education Challenge Our Faith; Uncle Sam Presents Me with a New Friend; What

We Did at a Parent-Teacher Country Children Learning to Know God; Learning to Pray; Family Life and the Kingdom of God.

Published under the Miller Fund for 1934 and 1935—How Can the Church Help the Home? and, The Unified Service. Also we have just completed a new booklet on the work of Christian Education in our

united Church.

In this connection we desire to state that in conjunction with the "E" group this Board has under way the preparation of a Sunday School Hymnal for the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and also the revision and simplification of the recently published Catechetical Manual, "Walking and Working with Chirst," which has had a large and gratifying use.

7. A Christian Education Conference is being planned for June, 1937, which it is hoped will be the largest and most enthusiastic gathering in this cause ever held in our denomination. The Joint Committee appointed to arrange for this conference consists of the following: Professor Nevin C. Harner, Chairman; Mr. A. R. Keppel, Secretary; Mrs. W. A. Bomhard, Rev. Reinhard Krause, Mrs. F. Wm. Leich, Dr. Paul S. Leinbach, Prof. H. A. Pflug, Rev. A. N. Sayres, Rev. Robert C. Stanger, Rev. Fred D. Wentzel.

The work of this Board has been divided into the following Depart-

ments:

- 1. Business and Real Estate.
- 2. Home and Church.
- 3. Leadership Training.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND REAL ESTATE

During the biennium, by reason of the depression and the consequent decline in the amount of supplies ordered by our congregations and Church Schools, our Business Department has encountered exceptional difficulties. The income from the rentals in the Schaff Building has also fluctuated in an unusual degree. The total sales in our Business Department were:

lent were.	1933	\$219,434
	1934	229,057
	1935	218,838
The rental	income of the Schaff	Building totalled as follows:
	1933	\$ 83,527
eni della Branca	1934	105,583
	1935	97,763

We could do a much larger business with no appreciable increase in our overhead expenses. It is necessary, therefore, to challenge the Church for a larger measure of loyalty on the part of pastors and people in patronizing the Board, which aims to serve all our Churches promptly and efficiently.

After long and involved negotiations the merger of the three English Church papers was finally consummated on February 6, 1936, and the merged paper is commended to the General Synod for its enthusiastic endorsement and support.

The merging of the Sunday School periodicals is not at present feasible, on account of the present contract with the Central Publishing House. The Executive Committee of the General Synod has appointed one of its members to represent them in the proceedings for an amicable liquidation of the affairs of the Central Publishing House, as proposed by the Trustees of that Board. In the meantime the debt of the Central Publishing House to this Board has been reduced since the last meeting of the General Synod from \$36,960.43 to \$24,960.43.

We are again deeply indebted to that active and consecrated band of women in the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod for their helpfulness in making contributions toward the denominational Lesson Unit in our Graded Lesson Courses, for temperance literature, and for assistance in our growing student work in the colleges.

We are also indebted to the family of the late Dr. Rufus W. Miller for the excellent new portrait of Dr. Miller which has been presented to the Board, which was formally unveiled in connection with the annual meeting of our Board and now hangs in Miller Hall, corresponding with the portrait of Dr. Philip Schaff, presented by his son.

In the operation of the 13-story Schaff Building we are about breaking even, and have been greatly helped by the reduction in the rate of interest on the mortgage and also by the decreased assessments on our property by the officials of the City of Philadelphia. As of April 30th, the Schaff Building is approximately 82% rented.

DEPARTMENT OF HOME AND CHURCH

The major functions assigned to this Department are general Age Group Work, in its relation to the Sunday Church School, Vacation and Weekday Church School, general Field Promotion, such special functions as Christian education in the home, rural work, missionary education and temperance, together with the oversight of the Editorial Work related to the Sunday Church School and Young People's Society periodicals, also the Illustrated Weekly Sunday School Papers and similar religious educational periodicals. Certain phases of Interdenominational Cooperation in religious education are also entrusted to this Department.

Age Group Work. It is extremely unfortunate that the Board is obliged to get along without a single full time departmental age group director. As an emergency measure Mrs. Gladys Mathias is assisting upon call in the Children's Division, Rev. Fred D. Wentzel is serving as part time director of Young People's Work and the Secretary of this Department is aiding in Adult Work. It is self-evident that the Board of Christian Education cannot function as it should with such a limited staff. Mrs. Margaret L. String, who rendered the Church such efficient service until the time of her serious illness, is commended to the sympathy and prayers of the Church

Field Promotion. Our Intensive Field Promotion Plan is being steadily advanced. Old contacts have been maintained and during the past year two new fields have been opened. A two day Conference of the Classical Committees on Christian Education was held at Columbus, under the auspices of the Committee on Christian Education of Ohio Synod. "Steps Toward a Better Sunday School for 1936" inaugurated by Eastern Synod's Committee on Christian Education, is being promoted intensively by East Pennsylvania Classis. As we enter upon the work of the united Church, this phase of our work will require especial attention, so as to unite the two bodies and to make the new advance expected in such a merger.

Rural Church Work. While this phase of our work has been steadily kept in mind in all of the planning of the Board, the fact that the "R" and "E" groups of the new Church are prevailingly rural, challenges us to face this problem more seriously than ever and to place back of it an adequate leadership.

Missionary Education. It is encouraging to be able to report that one of the serious tensions in our work as a denomination has been removed by the close cooperation of the Board of Missions, the Department of Missionary Education, the Woman's Missionary Society and the Board of Christian Education. Not only has the issue been faced within each of the two groups of the Church, but a Joint Committee on Missionary Education is working on plans for a proper integration of missionary education into the total program of religious education of the denomination and the local Church. We are pleased to announce also the early publication of a new book by Dr. A. V. Casselman, Secretary of our Board of Foreign

Missions, which is entitled, "The End of the Beginning," and is to be used as a missionary study book in our congregations.

Vacation and Weekday Church Schools. This work is steadily assuming greater significance. The unique value of Vacation Church Schools is being appreciated and the Weekday Church School problem is being faced with increasing seriousness. Note the experiment in this field in which the Ohio State Council of Religious Education is uniting with the International Council of Religious Education to work out a thoroughly educational procedure. This task awaits adequate leadership if the Church is to make a worthy contribution to this vital problem of the proper relationship of the public school and the Church School.

Adult Education. Another difficult problem facing the Church is in the field of Adult Education. At present three denominational agencies are at work in the local Church. The Board of Christian Education makes its approach on the basis of the total development of Christian persons of a given age range, regardless of sex. The Churchmen's League makes its approach on the basis of enlisting the adult male sex into an organization whose aim is to "develop the man power of the Church." The Woman's Missionary Society makes its appeal to the female sex with the view of enlistment in the interest of the special cause of missions. A Joint Committee on Adult Work has been appointed which we believe in due time will work out a satisfactory solution to this problem.

Inter-Denominational Cooperation. We have followed our usual lines of activity in this direction. One of the most important developments during the year is closer cooperation among the smaller denominations for practical purposes, particularly in the direction of syndicated materials that

lend themselves to use in common.

Temperance. At present in the "R" group this problem is handled by a Joint Committee on Temperance Education, made up of representatives from the Commission on Social Service, the Woman's Missionary Society and the Board of Christian Education. This problem naturally falls within the province of the proposed Commission on Christian Social Action of the General Synod. There should be close cooperation between this Commission and the groups now constituting the Joint Committee on Temperance Education.

Editorial Work. The depression continued to take its toll resulting in a decrease in circulation of our periodicals, although the loss is smaller than last year. It is encouraging to note also, that the number of schools purchasing the Board's literature has not decreased. Progress has been made during the year toward merging the Editorial Work of the "E" and "R" groups. There are many difficulties here, but a fine spirit of cooperation prevails, so that a satisfactory outcome is assured.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Leadership Training. Our chief emphasis in the field of leadership training has been on the workers' conference and the organized training class in the local Church. Our Churches have responded favorably to the recommendation that the First Series courses and the Second Series courses of the new leadership program be used in their classes.

Interest in summer schools and camps is constantly increasing. The total attendance in the schools and camps of 1935 was 1,026, as compared with 924 in 1934. The camp conducted in Maryland Classis for the last two years has now been taken over by Potomac Synod, and the Board of Christian Education has been asked to assume the educational supervision of the camp. Efforts are under way to establish a camp in the North Carolina Classis and in the Fort Wayne Classis of the Ohio Synod. The "E" and the "R" groups have cooperated in setting up the program for the Hanover Conference in Indiana. Both groups will be represented on the staff of teachers and counselors.

The time schedule for the 1936 summer schools and camps is as follows:
Shady Side Conference, Pittsburgh, Pa., July 6-16.
Hanover Conference, Hanover, Indiana, July 12-18.
Tiffin Summer School, Tiffin, Ohio, July 27-August 8.
Mission House Conference, Sheboygan, Wis., August 10-16.
Potomac Synod Camp, Fannettsburg, Pa., August 17-29.

Camp Mensch Mill, Alburtis, Pa. Intermediate—June 29-July 11; First Senior—July 13-25; Second Senior—July 27-August 8; Young People—August 10-22; Adult—Au-

A survey of the student work of the Evangelical and Reformed Church is under way. We are trying to gather reliable information concerning the work of student pastors, and also concerning the elements of religious guidance in the program of our colleges and preparatory schools. Our hope is that this survey will make possible a more effective planning for the future student work of the united Church.

Young People's Work. We have had no such wide-spread interest and general support of an emphasis within the last five years as may be reported for "Christian Youth Building a New World." Local Church societies and regional organizations, such as the Baltimore Evangelical and Reformed Young People's Fellowship, have used the materials provided by the International Council of Religious Education and by our Board for the promotion of the united emphasis. In order that the young people of the Protestant denominations may rethink the current emphasis and plan unitedly for the future, another meeting of the Christian Youth Conference of North America has been planned for June 23-28, 1936. The conference is to be held at Lakeside, Ohio, and our Board has been invited to send twenty delegates, representing all sections of the Church. The "E" group is to send an equal number of delegates. In Baltimore, Cleveland and Pittsburgh the "E" and "R" groups of young pople have been working together during the last year in a loose federation. In the building of the larger program of the denomination, we have not been able to make much progress. It is hoped that the meeting for five days at Lakeside of the forty or more delegates of the united Church will make for the development of a real "E" and "R" Fellowship. Definite plans are under way to hold these delegates one day after Lakeside Conference in order that they may have a denominational meeting to discuss the program of the proposed 1937 National Conference as it affects young people. This will not only help the two groups to learn to know each other better, but it will also give the young people a real share in determining the character of the National Conference program.

Our most urgent need in the field of young people's work is undoubtedly the employment of a full-time director to serve the united Church. Efforts are being made to discover a leader capable of filling this important position and to provide the money that will be necessary for his budget.

Attention should be called to our present small educational staff. The Staff includes the following:

Executive Secretary—Dr. Paul S. Leinbach.
Secretary, Dept. Home and Church—Dr. C. A. Hauser.
Secretary, Dept. Leadership Training—Rev. Fred D. Wentzel.
Secretary, Dept. Business and Real Estate—Elder E. S. Fretz.
Editor, Illustrated Story Papers—Rev. E. A. G. Hermann.
Field Representative, Northwest Synod—Dr. E. G. Krampe.

At present positions in Children's, Young People's and Adult Departments not filled. Dr. Hauser serves as head of the Editorial Department and the Adult Department, Rev. Mr. Wentzel as Young People's Secretary. Dr. Leinbach is Editor-in-Chief of *The Messenger*.

The Educational Department, which includes the two departments of Home and Church and Leadership Training, is dependent entirely upon the apportionment voted by the General Synod and paid by the Church. Not a cent of the amount received from the apportionment is used in our Business and Real Estate Department. During the last few years the receipts on this apportionment have been:

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If a like small amount is received in 1936, and the necessity remains upon us of paying out 10/58th of the entire amount to two educational institutions, it will be seen that our Board will have only about \$20,000 to carry on its extensive program of educational work. We would not be worthy of the confidence placed in us by the General Synod if we did not urge the necessity of a larger amount in order to do adequately the work which is expected of us. Our staff is entirely undermanned, and many most important projects had to be temporarily abandoned.

CONCLUSION

It was never more important than now to enlist the loyalty of the entire denomination in the support of the work of Christian Education. We are committed to the view of the creative, dynamic function of the Christian religion, and therefore to the principle of freedom in moral living. The problems of this perplexed and wistful age can never be solved without religious education and educational religion. We cannot win without the "drive of a living conscience," illumined by the doctrines and devoted to the duties of Christianity. Therefore we cannot repeat too often that "he who neglects the children is building upon sand."

We are compelled to repeat the disappointing truth, however, that so many gifts and legacies from devoted sons and daughters of our Church take no account of "The Board that Cares for the Children." Does not this work deserve to be included in the lists of worthy causes which need not only the prayers but also the substantial support of all those who are devoted to the upbuilding of the Church of Christ?

Respectfully submitted,

Paul S. Leinbach, Executive Secretary.

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Department of Home and Church and Leadership Training

FINANCIAL STATEMENT January 1934 to December 31, 1935

Cash Balance January 1 1934

		\$27,041.41	
Camp registrations		1,853.00 70.45	
Interest on Endowment Funds		50.00	-
Apportionment	\$24,545.90	\$25,067.96	
Receipts	1934	1935	
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Expenditures		
Executive Secretary's Office\$ 4,131	.70 1,822.46	
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Department of Home and Church 3,699.		
Field Promotion		
Miscellaneous 3,616. Children's Work 64.		
Young People's Work 1,147.		
Vacation Church School		
	1,002.00	
Department of Leadership Training Local Church	.52 6,119.08	
Local Church 5,942. Tiffin Summer School 317.		
Camp Mensch Mill		
Shady Side		
	.92 64.15	
Hanover Conference	22.50	
Student Work 1,576.	08 1,675.79	
Rent	640.48	
Miscellaneous		
International Council 350.	.00 350.00	
Interest paid 220.		
Catawba 600.		
Mission House 750.	.00 500.00	
Loans paid to Real Estate 907.	.05	
Miscellaneous 839.	536.60	
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Music Department		
	7,361.21	7,087.99
	,688.11	6,813.36
	2,673.10	247.63
	,592.02	4,604.67
Interest received	35.25	33.87
	1,883.67	4,296.17
Special Sales Department		
	.765.42	6.514.28
Cost of goods sold	7,703.43	6,033.39
	1,061.99	480.89
	2,002.00	200.00
"Messenger" Department	050.50	00 700 07
	1,358.79	22,586.87
	8,684.73	36,678.26
Net Loss 1.	4,325.94	14,091.39
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET		
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For the Years Ending December 31, 1934 and		Dec. 31
	Dec. 31 1934	1935
Current Assets\$157		\$154,225.14
	3,903.43	21.696.70
	3,655.90	3,419.07
	3,473.25	5,216.50
	7,110.20	
Total\$191	,178.16	\$184,557.41
	.736.85	8,596,65
Advance charges and payments on periodicals 2	1,275.57	20,838.75
	1,633.88	5,494.00
	,328.00	1,328.00
	,590.62	1,838.80
	,564.92	38,096.20
Net Capital at close of respective years\$151	,613.24	\$146,461.21
COMPARISON OF SALES		
In order that you may see for comparative purpos	es the s	ales of the
departments for two years, the following summary is		
Periodical, net\$131	509.57	\$127,725.57
	5,522.63	23,416.99
	.866.44	36,388.64
Music, net 7	,361.21	7,087.99
	,765.42	6,514.28
Messenger, net	,031.78	17,705.23
\$229	0.057.05	\$218,838.70
Real Estate Department	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	4220,000
COMPARATIVE PROFIT AND LOSS STATEM	ENT	
For the Years Ending December 31, 1934 as	na 1935	
Income:	1934	1935
Rents\$103		\$ 95,178.34
Other charges to tenants	710.27	703.30
Other Income	749.11	981.60
440	700 01	000 000 00
\$10.	1,722.21	\$96,863.24

Expenses:		
Taxes	. 16,269.10	14,391.25
Coal	2,883.71	2,847.31
Repairs	. 8,467.69	1,977.20
Water Rent		515.00
Insurance		2,176.51
Incidental Expenses, supplies, etc.	. ,	5,500.94
Salaries		37,188.17
Gas and Electricity		5,535.56
Depreciation charges		16,786.56
Window Cleaning		1,080.00
Water	577.20	440.80
Loss on bad note	5,263.50	
Loss on sale of capital assets	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	49.08
Rental Agents Commission		2,526.57
Mortgage Interest		
Interest on Annuity Bonds and Fund a/c		6,438.87
	\$141,471.47	\$118,037.22
Net loss for year	\$ 36,749.26	\$ 21,173.98
Loss on investments		
Deficit	\$ 47 909 26	\$ 21,173.98
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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHE		rrors.FreiM.
For Two Years Ending December 31,	1934 and 19	35
Assets	1934	1935
Fixed Assets	Grade Control	
New Schaff Building\$	718,415.94	\$ 718,415.94
Old Schaff Building	135,010.68	135,010.68
Elevator Equipment		
Engine Deem Equipment	53,021.92	53,021.92
Engine Room Equipment	32,475.09	33,960.50
Land	135,000.00	135,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	22,413.30	21,912.68
•	1,096,336.93	\$1,097,321.72
Current Assets	1,090,550.95	\$1,091,521.12
Cash in bank and petty cash	1,872.73	4,149.46
Parkway Trust Co. in liquidation		
	2,304.05	2,304.05
Cash held by Prudential Insurance Co	3,102.13	
Rents due and unpaid	18,462.72	17,057.14
Notes Receivable	18,700.17	13,700.17
Life Insurance—Stahr & Waidner	2,000.00	2,000.00
Inventory	895.81	405.90
5 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	47,337.61	\$ 39,616.72
Deferred Assets	41,551.01	\$ 39,616.72
Insurance premium unexpired	1,690.03	1,610.92
Total Assets\$	1 145 961 57	e1 190 F40 90
	1,140,004.01	\$1,138,549.36
Mortgage on property\$	475,000.00	\$ 475,000.00
Annuity Bonds	8,875.00	8,875.00
Current Liabilities	20,171.16	25,456.44
Deferred Liabilities	31,692.13	29,125.60
Fund Accounts		
Reserve for depreciations	151,351.74	151,351.74
	189,869.47	206,509.49
Total Liabilities\$	876,959.50	896,318.27

National Section		
57,474.12		252,474.12
10,930.95	*	10,243.03
68,405.07	\$	242,231.09
15,364.57	\$1	,138,549.36
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Periodical Department

TRIENNIAL REPORT

Illustrated Papers and Uniform Lesson Helps Circulation

Yr. ending Y Dec. 31.	
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	Dec. 31,
Illustrated Papers 1934	1935
The Way (Weekly) 858,237	837,753
Leaves of Light (Weekly) 261,042	228,329
Sunshine (Weekly) 487,099	433,808
*Total1,606,378	1,499,892
Uniform Lesson Helps	
Heidelberg Teacher (Monthly) 156,959	153,395
Home Dept. Quarterly	50,833
Adult Class Quarterly	179,455
Young People's Quarterly 95,877	88,399
Lesson Leaf	
Intermediate and Senior Quarterly 53,957	50,785
Junior Quarterly	
Heidelberg Picture Cards	
	658
Pupil Lesson Stories	4.489
German Home Dept. Quar 548	502
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*Total1,219,335	1.167.509
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Departmental Graded Lessons Circulation	
Guiding Nursery Children (Teacher's Book)	6
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Nursery Stories	200
Nursery Stories Nursery Pictures	
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Nursery Pictures Beginners Teachers Quarterly 5,865	200 3 5,973
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^{*}Number of copies circulated.
**Picture Sets were substituted for Picture Roll October, 1934.

Intermediate Society and Club	176	180
Senior Teacher Quarterly	1,409	1,447
Senior Pupils Quarterly	11,507	11,426
Senior Society and Club	134	74
Young People's Teacher Quarterly	830	721
Young People's Student Quarterly	6,712	5,148
Order of Service (Uniform)	9,150	8,120
*Total2	.475.681	2,466,198

Closely Graded Lessons Circulation

First Year	Yr. ending Dec. 31, 1934	Yr. ending Dec. 31, 1935
Children's Division	53,777	52,097
Young People's Division	1,447	1,005
Second Year		
Children's Division,	59,463	42,303
Young People's Division		
Third Year		
Children's Division	34,633	29,593
Young People's Division		
*Total	151,632	127,241

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

Since the last reports which were made to General Synod by administrative boards, the tasks and the responsibilities of those boards as well as the work of General Synod itself has been materially changed and increased. Two years ago, although of one heart, we were actually two separate bodies with two separate existences. Today we are a single Christian fellowship united by a single Christian purpose. We are a new church with a new and wider horizon—with new problems—but also with new and challenging opportunities. In this stage of our development we can do new things in new ways—things which our former separate and rather traditional existence could only have labeled "hopes and dreams." It is tremendously essential, therefore, that we now take inventory of ourselves and begin intelligently to chart our course together.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Perhaps one of the first ventures in this respect, an ambitious venture, will fall in the field of Christian Education. For as the two Boards of Christian Education together tried to envisage a starting point and a goal they too were impressed with the essential necessity of taking inventory before setting out to blaze trails. It is therefore with a great deal of enthusiasm and hope that the Board of Religious Education along with the Board of Christian Education and the Evangelical League Board announce a coming conference of national scope scheduled for June, 1937, and dedicated to the purpose of considering the meaning of Christian Education in the Evangelical and Reformed Church. "A New Church for a New World" is the general theme. A statement of objectives as phrased by the conference program committee is worthy of record in this report. It reads:

^{*}Number of copies circulated.

The purpose of this proposed conference shall be-

- 1. To help the united church face up squarely to its task of developing Christian persons and building a Christian world and to challenge the church with the urgency for action.
- 2. To further the accomplishment of the merger through mutual acquaintance and fellowship and through united action on the part of the leadership of the church.
- 3. To re-think and to re-shape the program of the church in terms of the world's needs.
- 4. To consider the relationship of the various age groups and special interest groups within the church to each other and to the total task of the church.
- 5. To inspire leaders in local churches to a new appreciation of their important position in the total strategy of the church and to give them all possible help toward the practical solution of the problems confronting them

Further information concerning this great meeting will be released as detailed plans become available.

OTHER EVIDENCES OF MERGER

This "growing together" process of the two branches of our united Church in the field of Christian Education has been a mutually happy and encouraging experience. From the first joint executive committee meeting of the two boards held in Cincinnati in April, 1934, up to the present time, there has been a steady development of a common understanding, purpose and procedure. Increasingly more and more has been attempted together. Within the past year several pieces of literature have been issued jointly, the latest of which is a booklet describing the work of Christian Education in the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the service which the Boards of Christian Education offer. This rather comprehensive and attractive booklet, appearing under the title "Christian Education lays Patterns for Christian Cooperative Living" is available through the Board offices in St. Louis and Philadelphia and may be ordered singly or in quantity. The Church School Calendar, published jointly for the first time this year, is another evidence of growth in united action.

In the field of leadership training, exchange instructors in our summer schools and conferences have also furthered the union "of heart and mind." Many other specific phases of the work have been referred to special committees of the boards for study and recommendation. It is to be fervently hoped that in this session of General Synod the union will be so organically perfected as to make possible the realization of some of the dreams for a greater and more effective program of Christian Education before those dreams are lost.

TODAY'S CHALLENGE

If ever the teaching ministry of Jesus had an opportunity to come into its own, it is today when folks the world over are giving thought—searchingly—to the teachings of the Christ as they relate themselves to cooperative living, in an effort to find a way out of the chaos which exists as a result of unchristian patterns of life. The many questions which are daily being raised with regard to the place of the Sundav School, its objectives and its worth indicate a most encouraging sign on the Christian horizon. For what we need most is a rethinking and reevaluating of our entire program of Christian education to the end that it may again become a basic, vital, integral part of our present day Christian church. Of paramount importance, therefore, in this period of reconstruction is a sound, sane guidance that champions that portion of the old that remains vital, but that leads along new trails in an effort to supplant that in our traditional procedures which has grown empty

of spiritual value. It is this challenge which the Boards of Christian Education of the now united church recognize and accept. The key to their progress, however, is largely held by this—the Church's supreme governing body. And although this brief report bears evidence of healthy growth in all phases of one board's work for the biennium just ended, yet the possibilities for greater progress in the work that lies ahead bid fair to completely outdistance the record of the past.

It is quite impossible in the limited space here available to bring to you a very complete picture of this board's activities during the past two years, but it is possible and it should be interesting and profitable to sketch in quick retrospect some of the high lights of that period.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Summer Schools and Camps

Eight leadership training schools are now being operated. The Minnesota School, which for two years had been temporarily suspended was, at the request of the district, again re-established. In the two year period an aggregate attendance increase of 12% was recorded. Seven boys' and girls' camps were also operated with an aggregate attendance gain of 23% for the biennium.

The present outlook for the 1936 season is exceptionally encouraging. Again this year as last, a central theme for all schools has been adopted. The theme in 1935 was "Christians Building a New World." In this coming season, group and individual thought will be focused on "Patterns of Christian Cooperative Living." An innovation in this year's program which promises worthwhile results is a children's division class in demonstration teaching.

Local Church and Community Schools

Service to the local church, in helping to establish and to supervise training classes and schools, has been increasingly extended. A cumulative permanent record system is maintained in the central office. Cards for all persons ever having taken leadership work are there on file and detailed data as to subjects and courses completed are kept up to date.

Service Library

This circulating library which embraces some three thousand volumes including books covering every phase of Christian teaching is being increasingly used, year after year, by church school workers and pastors the country over. This service is extended gratis, except that the borrower pays return mailing costs. In the past five years the circulation of this library has increased 800 per cent. Over four thousand books are now being mailed out annually.

FIELD CONTACTS

Because this board is so sensitive to the indispensable value of work in and with local congregations, it has bent every effort throughout the past years to extend its field contacts to the limit. Evidences of this extension are clearly indicated by the Annual Statistical Field Analysis which shows that in the first year of the past biennium, 312 different field engagements were met by staff and board members, while in the past year a 58% increase even over the former record was achieved.

This progrss is encouraging, yet it is not sufficient. What is now sorely needed for our united constituency, is a staff of from one to six full-time trained field workers who can give all of their time to working with local groups and with local pastors in an effort to make the local program of Christian education vitally effective. Not only are your central boards cognizant of this need, but repeated requests are coming from the field itself. So earnest are some of these appeals that in one instance a number of local churches have even agreed to underwrite from their own budget

a considerable portion of the estimated costs. Field work is the link between theory and practice. That link must be strengthened.

PUBLICATIONS

Through our editorial department twenty-one different periodicals are being published. Comparatively speaking, subscriptions have more than held their own. Subscribers to "Lessons for Christian Living" are still on the increase. And largely because of this support was the board able to steadily develop this material and so increase its usefulness. To meet the needs for more teaching helps, the teachers' quarterly for Primary and Junior is being enlarged.

Another notable contribution to current thought relative to the place, function and organization of the church school, is being made through the 1936 Light Bearer. This attractive monthly Journal of Christian Education is bringing the thought and experience of hundreds of specialists right into our own local church and church school situations. This is being done through a thought provoking consideration of the general theme "Christian Education in My Church."

It is ardently hoped that before the next report to General Synod will be due, the many splendid publications of the "E" and "R" groups will have disappeared from the picture, only to have been supplanted, however, by even greater and more influential periodicals—united publications of a united Church.

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PICTURES

One of the very encouraging observations of the past two years has been the significant growth in users of the service which our Board offers in the department of Religious Art. Spurred on by a growing realization that only a very small percentage of our constituency has been recognizing the value of art in the various phases of Christian education, this board set itself to the task of "selling" the tremendous possibilities that obtain in this phase of Christian teaching. It approached its ultimate goal by increased emphasis on picture interpretation; by training in the judicious selection of worthwhile subjects; by making good pictures available and bringing them within the financial means of churches, church schools and teachers.

In the course of this procedure, a large collection of worthwhile pictures was acquired which is being made available to churches or church organizations throughout the denomination on a gratis loan basis. A series of seventy-eight different teaching pictures was also planned and published—the pictures printed in convenient size for classroom use and made available to church-schools at a cost rate. An appreciation of the power of pictures for Christian growth is an indispensable asset to masterful teaching.

FAMOUS BAILEY ART SLIDE COLLECTION

An outstanding contribution to the service which this Board extends has been made possible during the past biennium through the acquisition of the famous Bailey Religious Art Collection of Stereopticon Slides. This slide library is unquestionably the foremost of its kind in this country. It consists of over nine thousand stereopticon slides, embracing reproductions of great religious masterpieces, both ancient and modern. The selection of subjects on the Life of Christ is especially complete. In addition there is an assortment of hymn slides, words and music; slides illustrating Old Testament stories; a large assortment of views of Palestine, together with various maps for the teaching of Biblical history and geography.

This board conducts this service on a rental and sales basis. During the comparatively brief time that the service has been extended, almost five thousand slides have been rented and sold. Increasingly churches are

appreciating the value in this type of visual presentation.

CONSULTATION SERVICE ON INCREASE

Requests for help and guidance in all types of educational problems have been on the increase during the past biennium. Thousands of letters go out from our office annually in offering this service.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

Nineteen hundred thirty-four and 1935 Vacation Church School Statistics for our communion seem to indicate a general trend toward united effort and cooperative activity—fewer schools with larger enrollments. Naturally under such conditions there is need for fewer teachers and fewer administrative officers. It is interesting to note that there accompanies this reduction in staff and overhead a similar reduction in average pupil cost. Of course, one needs fuller data on this last item to be able to say whether this is in the interest of advancement or retardation.

SHADOWS OF SADNESS

And so with this quick backward glance you see something of the work of the Board of Religious Education and the challenge which that work holds. The experiences in the main have been happy ones but this report would not be complete if we were not also to record here the shadows of sadness that the past three years have brought. For since the last Report to General Synod, this Board of Religious Education has suffered profound losses in the passing of three beloved co-laborers and earnest Christian gentlemen—two of them members of the Board, and one a lifelong friend of the cause which the Board represents—Prof. Frederick Pfeiffer, Dr. D. Irion and Dr. C. W. Locher. We are profoundly grateful for their lives and for what those lives have meant to the cause of Christian Education. We bow in silent tribute at their passing.

THE TRUE MEASURING STICK

Whatever is done in our united Church in the name of Christian Education, may it always be measured by that standard which accepts Christian Education only as an "inward leavenlike process"; its changes having to do not with features or dress, but with understandings and attitudes, with ideals, with convictions and with relationships to God and to society; whose task is not one of changing finish, but one of working with fibre, one of reaching into the innermost roots of life itself, one of guiding the growth of personality not after an ideal fashion of man but after the perfect pattern of Christ. To bring about "the development of Christian persons and a Christian society"—that is the ultimate goal.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. Keppel, Executive Secretary.

Financial Statement of the Board of Religious Education

February 1, 1934 to January 31, 1936

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Actual Cash Balance, February 1, 1934\$ Balance in Closed Bank	18.68 35.10	\$ 53	3.78
RECORDED RECEIPTS		Ψ	
Budget Allowance from the Synod	37 308 00		
General Office: (Printing and Supplies, Service De-	01,000.00		
partments, General R. E. Support, Etc.)	1.786.15		
Library	67.83		
Leadership Training Division: Summer Schools and Local Church:			
(Tuition, Meals and Lodging, Sales, Etc.)	19,835.07		
Camps: (Tuition, Meals and Lodg., Sales, Etc.)	5,555.94		
Young People's Division	27.68		
Adult Division	3.25		
Bailey Slides	456.50		
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RECORDED DISBURSEMENTS		\$65,09	4.20
General Administration:			
(Printing and Supplies, Equipment, Postage,			
Telephone and Telegraph, Art Work and Engr.,			
Interest, Rentals, Etc.)	8,594.21		
(General Service, Travel, International Council			
of Religious Education, Exhibit, Art Service,			
Stereopticon and Film Service)	4,573.14		
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Library	440.10		
Leadership Training:			
Summer Schools and Local Church: (Meals and	00.050.50		
Lodging, Travel, Honoraria, Supplies, Etc.)	22,073.79		
Camps: (Meals and Lodging, Travel, Honoraria,	5,426,32		
Supplies, Etc.)	3,555.55		
Young People's Division	33.99		
Adult Division	97.29		
Missionary Education Department	10.00		
Convention	57.74		
Bailey Slides	626.85		
		65,05	55.32
BALANCE, JANUARY 31, 1936		.\$ 3	88.88
Balance in Closed Bank		•	7.02
ACTUAL CASH BALANCE, JANUARY 31, 1936		.\$ 3	31.86

REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LEAGUE

To the General Synod:

Significant developments have taken place in the Evangelical League these past two years, most of which are still in process. Increased energies have been directed toward correlating and unifying national youth work and youth work in the local church, both with regard to program and to organization.

UNIFYING ADMINISTRATION OF YOUTH WORK

The two chief agencies charged with responsibility for youth, in the past, have been the Board of Religious Education and the Evangelical

ing boards.

League. A division of responsibility with regard to financial support and to function was maintained. Although a close cooperation existed between the two boards under the *dual* administration, it became increasingly evident that *joint* administration would facilitate more effective youth work. This needed change was started in 1935 and was consummated during the annual meetings of the two boards in February, 1936. The national youth work is now under the joint direction of the executive committees of the Evangelical League and the Board of Religious Education.

REV. O. P. SCHROERLUKE RESIGNS

Rev. O. P. Schroerluke, who has been the Executive Secretary of the Evangelical League since 1926, resigned, effective August 1, 1936, to accept the pastorate of Nazareth Evangelical Church, St. Louis, Missouri. Rev. Schroerluke had informed the League Board at its meeting in February of his intention to resign. His resignation was accepted with deep regret, not only by the League Board but by hundreds who have benefited by his leadership through the years. Due to the Board's difficulty in securing a successor, Rev. Schroerluke continued his services on marginal time until the closing of this fiscal year. He will serve in the future as an advisory member of the League Board.

The Board of Religious Education and the Board of Directors of the Evangelical League, aware of the vital importance of keeping the youth department of the Church functioning and growing in this transition period, decided to engage a temporary director of youth work to serve until a permanent Director of Youth Work in the United Church is called. It is the mutual hope of both the Evangelical and Reformed groups that a permanent full-time Director can be agreed upon and placed in the field within the next six months. Meanwhile Mrs. Dorothea Pflug of Webster Groves, Missouri, will serve as temporary full-time Director of Youth Work under the mutual auspices of the Evangelical League Board and the Board of Religious Education.

YOUTH WORK IN THE UNITED CHURCH

Efforts to unify youth work within the Evangelical branch of the Church have been partially stimulated by a desire to actualize the merger in a united youth department.

A joint committee on youth work, in which the League Board (E), Board of Religious Education (E), and the Board of Christian Education (R) are represented, has been at work. Joint activities growing out of this committee, working through sub-committees, are:

a) Provision for the selection and employment of a National Director of the United Youth department. Up to the present, the personnel committee has not been successful in securing a suitable person who is available. However, it is expected that this will be accomplished within a very short time. A joint budget has been agreed upon by the three participat-

b) Program planning for the National Youth Conference in connection with the National Conference on Christian Education in 1937.

c) Provision for Pre-conferences of young people of both branches of the Church in preparation for the 1937 conference, the first of which is to be held following the Christian Youth Conference of North America, June, 1936.

d) Work toward the joint publication of youth periodicals.

e) Joint planning for Young People's Study Units and guidance materials (Topics) for 1937.

f) The two branches are cooperating in a study of student work, its present status and its needs, and a study of the status of local church youth work in the entire constituency.

Unified youth work nationally or locally necessitates clarifying our

purposes and building a program of investigation, discovery and action consistent with these purposes. Therefore along with these joint youth projects in some specific phases of youth work, has gone the process of thinking through and tentatively formulating the general purposes for the new united youth department.

BUILDING A NEW WORLD

The Evangelical League has become part of the United Youth Movement in which leaders and youth of all Christian agencies have joined forces, Christian Youth Building a New World. The basic plans were made by members of a large number of Protestant youth agencies and then were considered by 150 picked young people in the Lake Geneva Youth Council of July, 1934. In that meeting there were six Evangelical young people and a number of Reformed young people.

The findings of that Council make a vigorous document. It is geared to action on the basis of study and investigation. The areas of modern life which the program has embraced up to the present are as follows:

Developing a Personal Religious Life
Helping Others to Be Christian
Building a Warless World
Creating a Christian Economic Order
Christian World Outreach
Preparation for Home and Marriage
A Christian Use of Leisure Time
Working on the Liquor Problem
Discovering a New Patriotism

Understanding Other Racial and Cultural Groups

The Christian Youth Conference of North America, to be held June 23-28, 1936, at Lakeside, Ohio, is the next meeting of this International Youth Movement. The Evangelical and Reformed denomination will be represented by at least forty young people and eight adult counsellors.

These Evangelical and Reformed young people and adults will meet for one day following this conference for the purpose of planning ways and means of interpreting the movement to our churches and for the purpose of making suggestions to the program committee of the June, 1937, National Conference on Christian Education.

SERVICE TO LOCAL CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS

Local youth work in all denominations is undergoing many changes, in organization as well as in general program. The number of groups in our constituency writing for guidance on specific problems of reorganization, re-writing of constitution, program building, service activities, recreation and leisure time activities, has increased and continues to do so. Printed guidance material for local groups has been cut entirely in the last year, due to lack of funds. The need for it has increased, however, due to a healthy experimentalism in youth work.

Much of the service rendered to local church youth groups is made possible by the department superintendents of the League Board, which are Devotional Life, Fellowship and Recreation, Missionary Education, Life-Work Guidance, Social Service, Junior-Intermediate Department. Special programs for Confirmation Reunion observance and Annual Youth Day have been prepared and made available to local groups—from 15-20,000 of the former are used annually and from 8-10,000 of the latter.

The Evangelical League maintains a service library, including guidance materials in all phases of youth work, religious drama, fellowship and recreation, worship, courses of study and discussion, books dealing with personal problems, and also stocks current youth materials for the convenience of the constituency. The service library of the Evangelical

League and that of the Board of Religious Education is made available to the entire constituency served by both boards.

COLLEGE STUDENT WORK

Financial curtailment has seriously hampered work with college student groups. But the devotion of volunteer leadership has kept the work alive on many campuses. Paid leadership had to be discontinued at the University of Illinois in 1935. The Student Congregation at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, continues to thrive and grow in significance.

The Student Chapel project at Columbia is now under direction of an executive board in which the following groups are represented: The Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod, the Missouri District, the West Missouri District, the Student Congregation, and the Evangelical League. Matters of general policy, selection of the student pastor, necessary financial arrangements and related items are handled by this board.

The testimony of many students, parents of students and faculty members in contact with the Student Chapel at Columbia is convincing of the contribution of the chapel to our students at Missouri University. As effective work should be duplicated on many campuses, serving the great majority of our youth instead of only a small minority.

Contact is maintained with approximately 1500 college students in thirty-six institutions of higher learning through "The Student," published bi-monthly and sent to all students throughout the year.

The responsibility of serving the college student away from home, the necessity of conserving for Christian leadership the persons the Church has nurtured, deserves increased consideration in the Youth Department of the united Church.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPICS AND STUDY UNITS

The national office has provided through the years study material for Intermediate and Young People's Leagues in the form of League Topics, which were treated weekly in the "Evangelical Tidings." These topics were largely an adapted form of the interdenominational Christian Endeavor Topics. The committees charged with this responsibility for 1936 decided to build the year's study materials with reference to the areas worked out in the Christian Youth Building a New World movement. Four areas were selected for young people's groups, monthly emphases for intermediate groups. These were selected with reference to the needs of the present day and with reference to the needs of the present day and with reference to the needs of the youth of our constituency. The Young People's Study Units selected were: Personal Religious Living, Christian Patriotism, Helping Others to Be Christian, and A Christian Economic Order. Writers were selected for each of the four units for young people's groups and for each of the intermediate units. Weekly treatment of Intermediate and Young People's Study Units are published in the "Evangelical Tidings." Reference materials are provided in the service libraries of the Evangelical League and the Board of Religious Education.

PURPOSES FOR UNITED YOUTH WORK

The joint committee on youth work, meeting in Chicago, February, 1935, drew up a set of tentative objectives for youth work in the United Church. Young people of local churches, ministers and other adult counsellors of young people will share in the making of the final statement of purposes. Many have already shared in this tentative statement, which is as follows:

1. AIMS: We recommend (a) that in our program for youth, we adopt the general aims implicit in the current interdenominational young people's emphasis, "Christian Youth Building a New World."

(b) that this be interpreted to mean the development of personal life and social action rooted in Christian faith.

(c) that the youth program be conceived with reference to the general program of the church, taking into account the purposes, ideas and practices of adult church members.

(d) that we move as much as possible in cooperation with youth groups of other denominations and agencies.

2. Means: Whatever means and methods we select, we believe that they ought to look toward the redemption of the life of communities, and that we should be especially concerned about the improvement of the young people's program in the local church. We recommend:

(a) that our chief concern be with the guidance of small groups willing to study seriously and to carry their convictions into social

action, rather than the creating of mass movements.

(b) that the purposes and the program of the emphasis, "Christian Youth Building a New World," be written into the curriculum materials used by classes, societies, conferences, etc.

(c) that representatives of varying cultures—rural and urban, underprivileged and privileged, white and negro, etc.—be brought together

for conference and fellowship.

- (d) that, in our summer school and camp and conference programs we deal with some or all of the nine areas now indicated in the interdenominational plans for promoting "Christian Youth Building a New World," and that this be done not only through discussion but also through provision for personal fellowship by youth representing varying backgrounds.
- (e) that pastor's seminars be used wherever possible to help our ministers become acquainted with the purpose and the program of our young people's activities.

(f) that we make definite efforts to develop both youth leaders and adult leaders in the development of programs of social action.

3. BASIC VIEWPOINT

(a) We believe that a Christian faith develops through active experience; that is, through the interaction of purpose, thought and deed.

(b) The personal life and the social action in which youth engages

need constant religious motivation and interpretation.

(c) Young people need to proceed sympathetically with adults in working out programs of Christian action, but where opposition comes they should be encouraged to proceed without compromising their sincere convictions.

We recognize something of the magnitude of this enterprise. A Christian world will not be built in a day, nor indeed ever by youth alone. The youth of the United Church invite you to join us. "We are determined to be led by our faith and not our fears, to use the experiences of the past, where it will help, and to become pioneers where experience fails. The Kingdom of Love will not be built by those whose hearts are filled with hate and envy. We feel our need for a new heart and a new mind. We are determined, as far as possible, to live henceforth as if the kingdom were now here.

"We are not alone in the task. The strength of Christ is ours. Divine resources flow through us and human fellowship sustains us as we give ourselves to the task. He that loses his life shall find it.

"For us there is no alternative: We give ourselves, and invite others to join us"—Christians building a new world.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothea Pflug,

Acting Director of Youth Work (E)

Financial Statement of the Evangelical League

FOR THE PERIOD—FEBRUARY 1, 1934—JANUARY 21, 1936

RECEIPTS		
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1934 Synodical Budget Dues, Offerings Student Chapel Fund .612.80 Student Pastors' Salary Fund .1,546.64	\$1,267.56 2,700.00	
2,159.44		
Sales 1,167.29 District Dues—to refund 11.70 Miscellaneous 432.12		
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Total Receipts		10.030.32
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries 2,573.25 Executive 2,573.25 Office Secretary 1,342.80 Student Pastors 1,746.00 Treasurer 1.00		
	5,663.05	
Printing	1,239.14	
Stock and Supplies	342.58	
Office Maintenance, Telephone, Telegraph Postage and Mailing Travel	611.42 514.77	
Secretary 256.90 Board 402.54 General 29.73		
	689.17	
Check tax and interest	7.04	
Final Chapel tax Miscellaneous	35.25 225.68	
Total Disbursements	Legal, 1	9,328.10
Balance on hand Jan. 31, 1936		702.22

N. B. Items of young people's office account shared by Board of Religious Education not included in this statement.

REPORT OF EDEN PUBLISHING HOUSE (Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

FINANCIAL STATUS

A General Synod will hardly provide the time and place for a deliberative discussion of the manifold activities of Eden Publishing House especially since annual reports to the districts have been published regularly and copies of such reports will gladly be sent to any one interested. A general idea of our financial status may be gleaned from the accompanying financial statements which represent the findings of Schuessler & Keller, Certified Public Accountants. Our fiscal year ends on June 30

and our figures will therefore seem rather antiquated when presented at the time of the General Synod. We deem it preferable, however, to present actual figures for 1935 rather than estimated figures for 1936.

Our net loss for the year ended June 30, 1935, was \$6,264.02. Included in this sum is a loss of \$2,215.78 by our Chicago Branch. It should be kept in mind, however, that we arrive at this figure after deducting \$16,392.84 for depreciation. This reserve for depreciation has not been used to any appreciable extent for repairs or for renewal of machinery and building. It accounts for our ability to actually increase our cash resources as demonstrated by an additional deposit of \$15,000 with the synodical treasury. The latter is now indebted to us to the extent of \$100,000.00 This synodical indebtedness to us represents our accumulation of funds toward the liquidation of our bonded indebtedness of \$200,000.00 due in November, 1940.

Thus, in spite of showing losses for the last several years, the financial complexion of Eden Publishing House is decidedly healthy. Our assets show an excess over our liabilities of \$382,799.00. This sum represents the net value of Eden Publishing House and includes such decidedly tangible assets as

Cash in Banks and on Hand\$	31,686.78
Accounts Receivable	52,225.55
Notes Receivable	100.000.00

CHICAGO BRANCH

It has long been realized by denominational publishing houses that branch offices and depositories in general are rather expensive luxuries. Our Chicago branch is no exception to the rule. It diverts a rather substantial portion of our sales away from St. Louis where they could be made at a saving of about \$7,000.00 annually. Were it not for this costly diversion of sales, the last two business years would have shown profits. Moved by these facts and figures, the General Council of the Evangelical Synod of N. A., in its meeting on Sept. 13, 1934, accepted a recommendation of its Finance Committee reading as follows:

Inasmuch as the financial statement of Eden Publishing House shows that the Chicago Branch is operating at a considerable annual loss, we recommend that the General Council authorize the discontinuation of that branch after the expiration of the present lease, in August, 1936, or sooner if possible. The Board of Directors shall study and consider this possibility and shall have power to act.

In compliance with the above resolution we are prepared to close our branch office with the expiration of its lease in August, 1936.

THE MESSENGER

We are glad indeed to report that the merger of our English Church papers is an accomplished fact. "The Reformed Church Messenger" formerly published by the Board of Christian Education in Philadelphia, "The Christian World" formerly published by Central Publishing House in Cleveland, and the "Evangelical Herald" formerly published by Eden Publishing House in St. Louis, have merged, and the Evangelical and Reformed Church now has one English weekly, "The Messenger" printed and distributed by Eden Publishing House, with Dr. Leinbach, Philadelphia, as editor-in-chief, Dr. Horstmann, St. Louis, associate editor, and Mr. J. P. Hennings, St. Louis, business manager. An initial subscription list of more than 20,000 and a veritable flood of complimentary comments fill the members of the Board of Publication of the E-group and the members of the Board of Christian Education of added responsibility. It has been tentatively agreed that Eden Publishing House and the Board of Christian Education shall share and share alike in the

profits or losses connected with this new venture until such time as the church at large or a General Conference may see its way clear to officially adopt "The Messenger." It is respectfuly suggested that the General Synod in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, take this step i. e. declare the "Messenger" to be the official organ of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and transfer the financial responsibility to the Treasurer of the Church.

Attached please find-

Comparative Subscription Statement as of Feb. 1, 1934, 1935 and 1936.

Eden Publishing House Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1935. Statement of Profit and Loss of Eden Publishing House as of June 30, 1935.

Comparative statement of income and profit and loss for the years ending June 30, 1932, 1933, and 1934.

Respectfuly submitted,

Jos. P. Hennings, Gen. Mgr.—EDEN PUBLISHING HOUSE.

Comparative Subscription Statement

	Feb. 1, 1934	Feb. 15, 1935	Feb. 6, 1936
Friedensbote	11,341	10,301	9,658
Herald	8,680	8,395	*9,033
Light Bearer	5,684	5,353	5,244
Tidings	18,617	18,100	17,594
Girls' Friend	16,544	15,239	14,439
Boys' Companion	13,996	12,994	12,265
Children's Comrade	11,236	10,256	9,346
Our Work	17,043	14,804	14,393
Flg. Ms. Blaetter	3,233	2,845	2,540
Mission Sunday	8,428	7,062	7,220
Bibl. Geschichte	3,361	2,938	_
Bible Story Quarterly	13,805	11,927	10,619
Bible Story Picture Cards	1,468	1,273	_
Das Heim	4,415	4,209	4,669
Adult Student	31,794	31,284	30,830
Intermediate-Senior	23,264	22,304	21,024
Uniform Junior Pupil	5,001	5,276	4,950
Group Junior Pupil	13,340	13,839	13,989
Group Junior Teacher	1,540	1,564	1,629
Group Primary Stories	13,380	13,534	12,834
Group Primary Teacher	1,302	1,285	1,344
Group Beginners Stories	8,096	8,665	8,639
Group Beginners Teacher	740	777	754
Uniform Picture Cards	2,263	2,204	2,022
Uniform Picture Rolls	59	56	50
THE MESSENGERfirs	st issue, Feb.	6, 1936	20,088

^{*} Last issue.

Eden Publishing House Balance Sheet JUNE 30, 1935

Current Assets Assets	
Cash:	
On Hand\$ 30,609.23	
In Banks 1,077.55	000 50
Accounts Receivable:	1,686.78
A FO 100 00	
Customers and Subscribers\$ 52,403.66 Less: Reserve for Doubtful Accts 978.79 ———————————————————————————————————	
51,424.87	
Evangelical Synod of North America 800.68	2,225.55
	1,593.70
Inventories:	
Books and Merchandise \$ 63,021.23	
Periodicals 1,781.49 Printing Paper and Materials 7,745.96	
Work in Process	
80	0,819.07
Total Current Assets\$166	3 3 2 5 1 0
	7,520.10
Other Assets Claims against Closed Banks\$ 1,139.03	
Notes Receivable—Evangelical Synod of N. A 100,000,00	
First Deed of Trust on Real Estate	
Total Other Assets 117	7,639.03
Fixed Assets	
Real Estate: Land\$ 24,549.99	
Buildings\$306,459.06	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation 39,724.60	
266,734.46	
Total Real Estate\$291,194.45	
Machinery and Equipment\$107,170.69	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation 70,293.45	
Type \$ 7,656.49	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation 7,076.10	
580.39	
Furniture and Fixtures St. Louis House\$29,003.35	
Less: Reserve for Deprecia-	
tion 19,590.10	
9,413.25	
Chicago Branch—Depreciated 1,075.81	
Total Fixed Assets\$339),141.14
Deferred Charges	
Unexpired Insurance\$ 2,279.51	
Other Prepaid Expense	3,435.75
Total Deferred Charges	,,100.10
Total\$626	3.541.02

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	5,772.41
Credit Balances of Customers and Subscribers		1,375.97
Loans from Individuals		12,686.59
Accrued Expenses:		
Interest	2,224.53	
Taxes		
Payroll	741.09	A THE REAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY A
State of the state		5,006.15
Total Current Liabilities	\$	24,841.12
Funded Debt		
First Mortgage Five Percent Real Estate Gold		
Bonds — Due November 1, 1940 — Secured by		
Mortgage Deed of Trust on Plant and Equip-		
ment	200,000.00	
Less: Bonds Held in Treasury of Eden Pub-		
lishing House		
		198,900.00
Reserves		
Reserve for Unearned Subscriptions		20 000 00
		20,000.00
		20,000.00
Capital		20,000.00
Capital Capital Stock		20,000.00
Capital Capital Stock		20,000.00
Capital Capital Stock \$ Surplus: Balance, July 1, 1934 \$301,870.35		20,000.00
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Capital Capital Stock	292,799.90	

Statement of Profit and Loss, Eden Publishing House THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1935

THE TEME EMPING	JUINE JU,	1000		
Gross Income:	St. Louis	Chicago	Tot	al
Books, Printing and Mdse \$1 Periodical Publications		\$ 29,006.52	\$156,5 120,1	39.77 .76.62
Total\$2 Deduct: Returns and Allowances	47,709.87 3,259.04	29,006.52 819.81	\$276,7 4,0	716.39 78.85
Net Sales\$2 Cost of Goods Sold1		3 28,186.71 17,749.34	\$272,6 202,0	37.54 50.38
	60,149.79 42,956.38	10,437.37 12,653.15	\$ 70,5 55,6	87.16 809.53
	17,193.41 19,373.53	\$ 2,215.78	\$ 14,9 19,3	77.63
Net Loss on Operations\$ Other Income (interest earned, discounts on purchases, etc.)	2,180.12 (6,609.88	\$ 2,215.78		395.90 309.88
\$		3 2,215.78	-	13.98
Other Expenses (interest on loans, non-absorbed factory costs, building expenses on excess space, bad debts, etc.)	8,478.00		8,4	78.00
Net Loss for Year\$	4,048.24	\$ 2,215.78	\$ 6,2	264.02

Eden Publishing House, Condensed Statement of Income and profit and Loss — By Years

1934	\$153,946.95 125,063.52	\$279,010.47 11,843.37	\$267,167.10	\$ 84,003.99	78,645.64	26,642.71	15,676.70	\$279,437.55	82,031.92	\$197,405.63	\$ 69,761.47
1933	\$135,192.81 132,181.91	\$267,374.72 12,933.65	\$254,441.07	\$ 96,957.97	73,723.99	26,515.41	15,660.30	\$287,076.52	84,003.99	\$203,072.53	\$ 51,368.54
FOR THE YEARS ENDING, JUNE 30, 1932, 1934 Gross Sales 1932	Books and Merchandise \$173,217.66 Periodical Publications 146,928.14	Total \$320,145.80 Less: Outbound Freight, Express and Postage	Net Sales\$305,544.64	Cost of Sales Inventories at Beginning of Period\$ 94,484.65 Purchases: Printing Paner Periodical Publications Books and	Merchandise 98,623,95 Production Labor and Salaries 86,523,44		Depreciation of Building, Machinery and Equipment 15,524.91	Total \$325,287.04	Deduct—Inventories at End of Period	Remainder—Cost of Sales\$228,329.07	Gross Profit\$ 77,215.57

1934 \$ 44,913.64 7,222.04 4,304.44	\$ 74,435.54	\$ 1,057.39 1,044.06	5,153.39 5,605.27	\$ 12,948.22 \$ 8,274.15	\$ 169.44 272.50 10,000.30 733.17 85.86	\$ 11,260.97
\$ 44,922.99 4,800.31 3,908.17	\$ 70,241.41	\$ 1,607.00	4,484.38 5,605.27 9.75 90.77	\$ 13,037.67 \$ 5,835.20	\$ 286.97 1,759.97 10,000.00 640.08	\$ 12,687.02 \$ 18,522.22
Selling and General Expenses 1932 Store and Office Salaries \$ 52,276,40 Advertising 11,157.90 Stationery, Office Supplies and Postage 2,478,92 Depreciation of Fixtures 2,478,92	T 89			Total \$ 13,274.43 Gross Income \$ 5,193.02	tot—Income Charges Discount on Sales Uncollectable Accounts Charged Off Interest on First Mortgage Bonds Interest on Loans Payable Miscellaneous 170.96	Total \$ 11,621.76 Net Loss for the Period \$ 6,428.74
Selling and (Store an Advertisi Stationer Deprecia	Other Ge	Add: Other Income Advertising In Discount on P	Interest Evangeli Collection Miscellar	Tota Gross Income	Deduct—Income Charges Discount on Sales Uncollectable Accoun Interest on First Mo Interest on Loans P. Miscellaneous	Total

The preceding reports to the General Synod of the Board of Christian Education of the Reformed Church, the Biennial Report of the Board of Religious Education of the Evangelical Synod, the Report of the Evangelical League and the Report of the Eden Publishing House, were referred to the Committee on Christian Education and Publication. This Committee made its report on Wednesday morning through its Chairman, Rev. Robert C. Stanger. Action was taken on each item of the report as follows:

Items 1 to 6 were severally adopted.

Dr. Leinbach, Prof. A. Wehrli and Mrs. Ida Pauley briefly addressed the General Synod on the increased needs of the Boards.

Item 7 was referred to the Committee on Correlation and Promotion.

Items 8 to 11 were adopted in order and the report then finally adopted as a whole, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

On the basis of the foregoing Reports to the General Synod we herewith present the following resolutions for your adoption.

- 1. Resolved that, with regard to the overture of Pittsburgh Synod (White Book, page 19) this committee recommends that the matter of the publication of a Catechetical Manual for the merged Church be referred to the Board of Christian Education of the "R" group and the Board of Religious Education of the "E" group for further study.
- 2. Resolved that, with regard to the overture of Eastern Synod (White Book, page 19) requesting General Synod to take over ownership of Camp Mensch Mill the Committee recommends that we defer action until the next meeting of General Synod.
- 3. Resolved that, with regard to the overture of Milwaukee Classis that General Synod take action leading to the inauguration of an organization for the boys of the Church which will be in harmony with the life and polity of our Evangelical and Reformed Church and hold the boys for the Church, the Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Boards of Christian Education for study and recommendation.
- 4. Resolved, on the basis of the overtures to the General Synod on the part of the "R" Board of Christian Education (page 89*) concurred in by the "E" Board of Religious Education, that the General Synod authorize the unification of the work of the two boards, even in advance of the adoption of the proposed new Constitution of the Church, without disturbing the present legal status of these respective agencies. By "unifying the work" we mean the re-allocation of the staff responsibilities, and the addition of such joint work as the respective incomes of these boards, when jointly pooled, will make possible.
- 5. Resolved, that the General Synod apportion and make available at least the same amounts for each of these boards for the next biennium as are at present being appropriated through the regular budget of the General Synod, or of the constituent bodies, and that in view of the strategic importance of the work of education the apportionment be increased, if possible.

- 6. Resolved, that we approve the recommendation of the Boards to increase their staff by the addition of trained field workers, when funds become available for this purpose. (Page 103.*)
- 7. Resolved, that the General Synod indorse and warmly approve the proposed National Conference on Christian Education, planned by the joint boards, to be held in June, 1937, as an effective means of solidifying our forces and focusing attention in the importance of the educational task of the united Church. (Page 90, page 101.*)
- 8. Resolved, that the General Synod instruct the Boards to work in direction of supplanting the present religious educational publications of the "E" and "R" groups with new, united publications. (P. 103.*)
- 9. Resolved, that the General Synod encourage the boards to include of their united staff a director of youth work for the merged church. (P. 94, p. 106.*)
- 10. Resolved, that the General Synod authorizes its Executive Committee to initiate a study of the needs of youth in the united Church to discover the nature of youth organization which is required to meet the needs. (Page 107.*)
- 11. Resolved, that the General Synod recommend to the Board of Christian Education and Board of Religious Education a survey and study of work among college students with a view to establishing this work firmly among student groups of the united Church. (Page 108.*)

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Stanger Melvin E. Beck J. Hamilton Smith Paul M. Schroeder F. P. Puhlmann Joseph M. Newgard Theodore Viehe F. A. Kratch W. N. Decker D. J. Snyder

(* The page records in the foregoing Report refer to the Blue Book.)

7. Orphans' Homes and Charitable Institutions

THE BOARD OF ORPHANS' HOMES (Reformed)

To the General Synod:

Your Board has not performed any work since the last session of the General Synod. There has been nothing that we could do. There are in the charter of this Board, however, certain rights that, with revision, may be of value to the new arrangements that will be made for this type of work. The feeling of the chairman of the Board is to the effect that the charter might be amended to the end that it would include not only Orphans' Homes but all the charitable and benevolent organizations within the united Church.

While the various charitable institutions will no doubt want to continue in a more or less independent capacity, as at present, it does seem that all of such work ought to be headed up in some way in the General Synod. Your Board is of the opinion that with the changing of some of the wording, this charter could be made to provide the way to such an end.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott R. Wagner, Chairman.

THE FEDERATION OF EVANGELICAL CHARITIES

To the General Synod:

The charitable institutions of our church are classified into the following groups: hospitals, homes for aged, homes for orphans, homes for epileptics and feeble-minded, and city missions. The work of these institutions greatly varies in the details, but they all have one common objective, namely, to magnify the glory of Christ and to establish the kingdom of God in the hearts and in the affairs of men.

These institutions greatly desire to share these kingdom opportunities with such churches and church-members who are willing and have a mind to do this service to these unfortunates, the least of Christ's brethren. We need religious literature for their devotional reading, such as the "Daily Talks with God," "Light for the Dark Hours of Life," comments on the Sunday school lesson for each Sunday, prints of separate books of the New and Old Testament, in German "Der Krankentrost," etc. Churches and individuals can greatly help the work of the institutions by inquiring and furnishing these helps and similar ones for the unfortunates in our institutions.

But we all know that there are more things needed than religious literature to conduct a charitable institution. We are truly thankful that most of our institutions have been helped very substantially by gifts and donations, however, the figures are staggering that tell of the tremendous loads of charity work our institutions are called upon to carry. Every one of our charitable institutions needs the systematic and regular support of the churches. These institutions have been founded by the church and in order to carry out the purpose for which they were founded, they need the undying love and the continued support and help of the church. The charitable institutions have always been the glory of our church and should continue to be so.

We have issued the *charter*, respectively signed by the president and the secretary of both the church denomination and the Federation of Evangelical Charities to the following institutions:

Hospitals:

Evangelical Hospital of Chicago, Illinois
Evangelical Deaconess Hospital of Cleveland, Ohio
Protestant Deaconess Association of Evansville, Indiana
St. Lucas Evangelical Deaconess Hospital of Faribault, Minn.
Evangelical Deaconess Home and Hospital of Marshalltown, Ia.
Evangelical Deaconess Society of (Milwaukee) Wisconsin
Evangelical Deaconess Society of St. Louis, Missouri
Evangelical Deaconess Hospital of Detroit, Michigan

Homes for Aged:

Evangelical Church Home of Buffalo and Vicinity, Forks, N. Y. Evangelical St. Paul's Home Society, St. Paul, Minnesota Good Samaritan Hospital (Altenheim) of St. Louis, Missouri German Protestant Home for Orphans and Old People, Detroit, Mich. Evangelical Home for the Aged, Dorseyville, Pennsylvania Evangelical Home for Children and Aged, Bensenville, Illinois Evangelical Benevolent Association of Los Angeles, California

Homes for Orphans:

German Protestant Orphans' Home (St. Charles Rock Road), St. Louis, Mo.

Uhlich Evangelical Lutheran Orphan Asylum, Chicago, Illinois German Protestant Home for Orphans and Old People, Detroit, Mich. Evangelical Home for Children and Aged, Bensenville, Illinois Homes for the Epileptics and Feeble-minded:

Evangelical Emmaus Homes, Marthasville, Mo., and St. Charles, Mo. City Missions:

The City Missions of the Evangelical Churches of St. Louis, Mo. (Caroline Mission)

These institutions are therefore recognized and entitled to ask and to receive support and help from the churches.

The biennial convention of the Federation of Evangelical Charities will be held, God willing, in Marshalltown, Iowa, this fall. We are inviting the institutions of the "R" group as well as the institutions of the "E" group who are not as yet members in the Federation, to visit us and get acquainted with the work and the aims of the Federation.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Directors,

Rev. W. Merzdorf, President
Theophil Stoerker, Secretary
Sister Elizabeth Schultz, Treasurer
A. A. Kitterer, Vice-President
Sister Alvina E. Scheid
Sister Lina Appel
H. J. Damm
A. E. Klick
G. A. Kienle

The preceding reports from the Board of Orphans' Homes of the Reformed Church and from the Federation of Evangelical Charities were referred to the Committee on Orphans' Homes and Charitable Institutions.

The Committee presented its report on Wednesday morning through the Rev. J. Otto Reller, Chairman. It was forthwith adopted as read, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOMES AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Upon study of the reports of the Board of Orphans' Homes and Federation of Evangelical Charities, your committee finds that both groups are in substantial agreement on the benefits to be derived from a closer Federation of all the charitable and benevolent institutions within the united Church.

Inasmuch as Article IV, Section 114, page 42, of the proposed By-laws makes provision for this sort of arrangement the Committee unites in support of same and so reports.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Otto Reller, Chairman John L. Frantz Arno A. Zimmermann Wm. Bollmann R. F. Voigt Roy E. Leinbach A. J. Kauffman Geo. H. Bartling Herman Borne, Secretary

8. Educational Institutions,

REPORT OF EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

To the General Synod:

The seminary lives by and for the church. Both exist for the people. The seminary supported by the church in every way has the important task to train well qualified ministers of the gospel for the world of our day. What men and women are yearning and groping for in all their helplessness and blindness are spiritual values, some objective of existence which gives life meaningfulness, power and joy. The supreme service which the seminary and the church can render to humanity is to give men the truth which is in Jesus Christ. The only thing that can give the nations a new start and a strong lead is this sure faith. It is not the forms of religion, its ritualism, its ecclesiastical machinery, its dogmatic theology what hungry souls want. They want Christ. However necessary and sustaining these other things may be for the church in a truly functional way, Jesus Christ is more. The church does not own Him, but He owns the church. Therefore the essential concern of the church and the seminary must be to keep the faith pure, not merely the faith in a creedal sense, but faith in a personal sense—that is what faith is—faith as a spiritual dynamic, active in love, in righteousness, in justice.

To keep the faith of the church pure is the particular purpose of theological pursuit. But it is not something apart from our academic endeavor to train the future pastors of the church toward the highest kind of scholarship. However, faith is intrinsically the fruit of spiritual processes. Therefore the seminary is as much dependent upon the church of Jesus Christ as it would serve the church.

The only way to keep faith pure is to keep it animating and dominant, to throw open the sluices of our personality to the spiritual forces of the gospel operating in the stream of history. Theological thought can be of real service, of practical significance to the church only when faith is its main determinant. Without a living theology the faith of the church becomes obscured and uncertain. Without faith theology becomes sterile. All theological endeavor to educate theologians without dependence upon the church as the world of the Holy Spirit is a doomed cause. A theology which has become a mere mechanism, however splendid the apparatus, has the germ of death and decay in it, whatever apparent academic achievements it may claim for itself. It will result in the barenness of a knowledge without charity. Only a living church can furnish the environment for the seminary's task of training a vital ministry. To meet this need we have introduced supervised field-work at Eden Seminary. We endeavor to tie up every student with some kind of spiritual activity of church life. But this alone is insufficient, because there is so much unreality, so little genuine spirituality in the body-life of the church of today. "The foxes of politics," the wolves of greed "are despoiling the vineyard." Great stretches of its domain have been reduced to an arid region. There is often so little to encourage a man looking to the ministry, excepting the need of famished multitudes for spiritual leadership. Only the Holy Spirit can save the church. If the seminary as one of the agencies of the church is to function as a redemptive force it must frankly face the strictures laid upon the sins of the church. It must have the courage of unsparing self-criticism. All the more as a theological school it must witness faithfully to the spiritual powers of the Gospel that brought the church into being. We must have the confidence that the Word of God as a living thing will illuminate the minds of the men of today who have begun to ask questions which God alone can answer. We are not at all unmindful of what we owe to the church, but we dare not stop with the heritage of the past. We must

aid our students to hear the Word of God for this day. In this sense, indeed, our whole academic work reaches out for men who are willing to search and think. It is the business of a theological teacher to take his student by the hand, so to say, seeking to show him the inner meaning-fulness and glory of the treasures of religion, and its particular reference to the needs of our distraught civilization. But he shares with every preacher of the gospel the fate of dependence upon the Holy Spirit who alone can lead men to a knowledge of the truth and give them the courage to actualize it. The dependence upon the Holy Spirit constitutes the freedom of faith and preserves its purity. Freedom belongs to the nature of truth, just as goodness to be goodness must be spontaneous.

It goes without saying, that he who would minister at all in the sanctuary of religion must be faithful; he must stretch every nerve, exercise to the limit all of his powers to master all the resources, all the knowledge that can be gained for this service. However human and limited our service may be, every bit of it counts and matters.

Theology is *sui generis* the queen of the sciences because "it centers all human endeavor upon Him whose we are and whom we are made to serve."

To prescribe other rules and regulations for the seminary's task is to burden the theological faculty with obligations which it can never meet. To expect the teachers at the seminary to transform the human timber entrusted to their care into spirit-filled ministers of the gospel is just as wrong as to make a pastor responsible for the conversion of the members of his church. Not flesh and blood, but only Spirit can beget spirit; only the sovereign Father can accomplish that result. The endeavor to force it by our own powers, will result either in a paralyzing of religion or in the production of a man-made religiousness, a false emotional or activistic pietism, which has the profession of spirituality but lacks its power, which thrives outwardly but starves inwardly.

To plume one's self with power in spiritual things not derived from the resources of a life in God is to be a deceiver. It is a way to gain a following, but it is the mark of the false prophet, and his followers find him out sooner or later. It means to exploit the eternal values for selfish ends, to use holy things as a kind of intellectual fire-works for personal vainglory and popular acclaim or for securing patronage; to use the religion of Jesus Christ for the propagation of pet organizations or political schemes. There is no worse sacrilege, no greater abomination of the Holy than this.

Genuine students of theology will give their allegiance only to the teacher who is a faithful interpreter of life in the light of the divine truth and who trusts God to make the seed grow.

The seminary has repeatedly failed of its objective because we have taken too much for granted. It must continue to fail in this manner whenever the life of the church in large parts is no longer a thing proceeding from powers within, but sustained by new impulses from without. The church is kept alive more by sensual excitement than by spiritual incitement. It is governed not by the spirit of holiness but by the ingenuity of the flesh. Even its endeavors at the revival of faith often represent the mistaken attempt to produce the cause by the effect. Kingdom work is not the result of more intensified preaching and more liberal giving but vice versa.

The simple and only solution is: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness with a pure heart, free from all ulterior motives and the rest will surely follow. This concerns us all. We have become deeply cognizant of it at the seminary. It is the sole motivation that underlies our endeavor to contribute something to the life of the church. In accordance with the third article of the Apostolic Creed, we believe in the church of Jesus Christ wholeheartedly, we feel assured that by the power of God the

church can do a great work for our generation. "Raise your eyes and see the fields, for they are white for harvesting." But to qualify for gathering the harvest, those that occupy the watchtowers must needs have the eternal perspective, the outlook of God. They must be set on fire by the Holy Spirit, who alone produces the faith which conquers the world.

THE CURRICULUM

The curriculum of Eden Seminary is not limited to the courses announced in the annual catalog. The curriculum includes the total character of the seminary: its spiritual environment, the chapel worship services, the convocation lectures, the lectures given from time to time by qualified persons, the activities of faculty and students in the maintenance and furtherance of Christian brotherhood on the campus and in the community. That such a view of the curriculum represents an ideal not yet actualized, the seminary would be the first to admit. It is the ideal, however, towards which the seminary is moving through experimental processes. We do not look forward to a regimented seminary life for either faculty or studentbody. But we do look forward to a seminary in whose environment every available resource is utilized to the fullest extent in providing for the best kind of theological education. There is no contradiction between continued dependence on the Spirit of God and the obligation to provide the best possible resources for the training of candidates for the ministry. Rather, our sense of responsibility to the Head of the church constrains us to spare no effort to provide an ever more adequately equipped ministry.

In the appointment of Mr. Kelsey as instructor in the field of sacred music and voice culture, the seminary believes that it has taken a step forward. Mr. Kelsey's qualifications permit the integration of two closely related fields which were formerly separated. Mr. Kelsey has not only continued the work established by Mr. Pfeiffer and Mr. Wagner, but has enriched the curriculum by the addition of two courses on "History of Sacred Music" and "Liturgics."

The death of Dr. F. W. Leich has removed from the campus a gracious and scholarly personality. We have all felt his loss keenly. His contribution was great, brief though it was on the Eden campus, particularly in the period of adjustment on the merger. Mr. Wernecke took over the course in "Heidelberg Catechism" (required of students from the "R" group); the rest of the courses offered by Dr. Leich were taken over by Dr. Press and Mr. Arndt.

Mr. H. Lohans, Professor of Homiletics, having accepted a pastorate in Buffalo, New York, resigned his professorship in April, 1936. The seminary wishes to record its appreciation of the services Mr. Lohans rendered as professor of homiletics since 1929, and extends to him its sincere wishes for a blessed ministry in his new field. The courses formerly offered by Mr. Lohans will be given by Mr. H. J. Christman, Professor of Homiletics.

There has been slow but definite progress in the further development of the department of Field Work and its integration into the academic curriculum. The faculty is still actively engaged in considering methods of administration and supervision and more intelligent ways of selecting opportunities for services and placement of men.

It is too early to attempt an evaluation of the revised requirements for graduation, and the revised distribution of courses according to junior, middler and senior classes. Evaluation must wait on a longer experience. The faculty is still convinced, however, that adequate academic training cannot be measured in quantitative terms, i. e., by the number of courses a student elects. Nor does the faculty believe that there is any substitute for earnest scientific work in biblical studies and theological construction.

Such studies, for example, as Biblical Theology and Systematic Theology and allied studies remain the backbone of preparation for the ministry.

Along with continued efforts to raise the academic standards of the seminary and provide further opportunities for the development of Christian personalities must go an insistence on higher standards for admission to the seminary. Eden Seminary has, through progressive stages, arrived at the requirement of a Bachelor of Arts degree from an accredited college for admission. However, it is becoming more and more evident that the simple requirement of an A.B. degree is not enough. There are further qualifications demanded of the minister-character qualifications, intellectual grasp, and ethical passion, as well as a Christ-centered personalitythan those comprised in the bachelor's degree. Hence, it is the concern of the faculty to formulate more adequate criteria for admission to the end that the church may be better served by the graduate of the seminary.

CHAPEL SERVICES

During the present school year our Wednesday evening services of worship have again been enriched by the messages of many different Protestant ministers from our surrounding community. We pay tribute, in this connection, to the late Dr. Jay Stocking who participated in these services regularly each year during his pastorate in St. Louis. We are looking forward to our Lenten season when Dr. H. A. Woolfall of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of St. Louis will be the preacher in a series of five Lenten sermons. Members of the senior class are liturgists in all of these Wednesday evening services and with the coming of Professor Kelsey more effort is being spent in planning these services and in beautifying them with choral and organ music. The preachers for the current school year have been:

Sept. 18-Opening Convocation and Memorial Service for Dr. Leich. Dr. Press and Dr. Christman.

Sept. 25—Communion Service with Meditation, by Prof. Schneider.

Oct. 2-Rev. A. O. Foukalsrude, Prot. Hospital Assoc., Mansfield, Ohio.

Oct. 9-Rev. Benjamin Koehler, Belleville, Illinois.

Oct. 16-Prof. D. M. Schlunk, Tübingen University, Germany.

Oct. 23-Rev. Martin Davis, India.

Oct. 30-Rev. Paul R. Pontius, Reformed Church, Lehighton, Pa.

Nov. 6-Rev. A. Alberswerth, Mehlville, Missouri.

Nov. 13-Rev. George Gibson, First Congregational Church, Webster Groves.

Nov. 20-Rev. Robert W. Fay, Overland Episcopal Church, Overland, Mo.

Dec. 4-Dean Sidney Sweet, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis.

Dec. 11-Rev. Otto Bassler, Highland, Illinois.

Dec. 18-Rev. Alpha H. Kenna, Union Methodist Church, St. Louis.

Jan. 8-Communion Service, Dr. S. D. Press.

Jan. 15—Rev. Manley Cobb, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Webster Groves. Jan. 22—Rev. Clyde McNelly, Dupo, Ill.

Jan. 29-Rev. E. W. Poindexter, Church of the Holy Apostles (Episcopal) St. Louis.

Feb. 5-Rev. T. J. Herrmann, St. Paul's Evangelical, St. Louis.

Feb. 12—Rev. Truman Douglass, Pilgrim Congregational Church, St. Louis.

Feb. 19-Dr. Robert Kevin, Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood, Mo.

Feb. 26-March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, Lenten Services, Dr. Woolfall.

FIELD WORK

A theological seminary, because of its presuppositions about God and His Universe and its undergirding of hope and faith, should be a Community of Love-a brotherhood of more mature and less mature learners and seekers after the will of God, attempting to incarnate His will and His spirit and purposes into every relationship of its corporate life. Such a fellowship should not only conserve the great values down through the years, but also set loose creative and redemptive spiritual forces in the lives of each one of its members. Like any Christian family or church, we here at the seminary confess our very great shortcomings at this point. We have not attained to such a fellowship; it is too high for us; and yet, it is our conviction that we must be satisfied with nothing less than this kind of a seminary. As we realize in greater measure what complete sharing of life on a Christian basis—life in all of its aspects, personal, economic, social, spiritual—between faculty, students and employed workers at Eden might mean very concretely, we must confess and affirm with Paul, "not as though we had already attained, but we press forward . . ."

But no fellowship of this kind, it matters not how perfect or imperfect a community it may be, can live unto itself alone, or strive for perfection only within its own group. The very life of individuals and institutions is in their outreach to the community about them; losing themselves in selfless service to men, women and children is the intertwined resultant, process and goal of God-intoxicated persons. Therefore, there is a very important and basic sense in which, what we have come to call Field Work at the seminary, is the outreach of all of us, faculty and students alike, into the life of the larger community of which we are a part; our desire to serve the needs of that larger community, growing out of an inner compulsion of love; some overflow of life.

When faculty members are called upon to serve the community in some way, they are chosen according to the particular kind of contribution they can make. (Professor Biegeleisen, for instance, was this year partially released from his regular academic load and has done a significant pioneering "job" in heping to plan and conduct Ministers' Retreats in various parts of the country. Many similar contacts on the part of faculty members could be reported.) Thus the first principle used by the Field Work Committee in placing students into field opportunities is that of the contribution which the student might make to the church or group asking for

help at some point in their program.

Since we are a school, however, it is our very deep concern that students be placed where they can also grow and develop through the field work in which they engage as part of their course of study. We are interested that each student will have a big enough job to keep alive and nurture within him the learner's attitude about his work but that, on the other hand, the job be not too big, so as to demand more time than he should give; (2) that he will be both critically evaluative and constructive in all his efforts as he works along in very imperfect institutions; (3) that he will increasingly experience the functional relationship between the so-called academic courses of the class room and his field work; (4) that he will have an increasing desire to do this bit of internship with more skill and effectiveness because the religious growth and development of human personalities is at stake; (5) that all of us be kept concretely aware of the shallowness and anemicness of much of our present institutional religious life in relation to the thwarted and distracted lives of men and women in all the nations of the earth who are the victims or powerholders in a self-centered pagan social and economic order leading from conflict toward war, thus helping us to sense the tremendousness and the danger of being a minister of Jesus Christ in this age and time.

All of the eighty-eight students are at present engaged in some kind of field work and we have, for the first time since we began this more organized venture three years ago, more requests for students than we can fill. This will mean that the committee can, in the future, begin to make selections of available opportunities and with less placement difficulty can give more time to supervising the actual work being done. It is in this matter

of supervision where we feel our greatest weakness. This year every student is assigned to a faculty Field Work advisor with whom he can confer about his work at any time; occasional seminars of students working in similar situations are held with faculty guidance; and each minister or leader with whom a student is working is contacted by the respective faculty advisor.

The students are engaged in work at 38 different churches of 9 denominations, 6 social and benevolent agencies, and 11 boy's clubs connected with public or private schools. Members of the senior class are preaching or teaching regularly in 21 different churches, Caroline Mission, Missouri Welfare, Koch and Isolation Hospitals. One member of the class is serving a church in Texas for the balance of this school year and another group within the class do their field work through the preaching calls which come to the seminary. One of the ventures of real significance, engaged in by the Seniors, is a plan which they have worked out and are carrying on within their own class set-up, namely, a pooling of all honoraria from all the field work of their class members and a division of the same among all members, whether or not they happen to be engaged in a remunerative position.

Members of the Middler class are working in 14 different churches, mostly as teachers of church school classes or advisors to young people's groups; also at Caroline Mission, the Methodist Orphanage and the Mis-

souri Welfare League.

The Juniors are teaching church school classes in 9 different churches, boy's clubs throughout the county in connection with 12 different schools, and also doing social and religious work at the Kingdom Settlement House and the German Protestant Orphanage. Mr. Lewis of the County Y. M. C. A. is primarily responsible for supervision of the boy's club work and meets weekly with the entire Junior class for one hour of conference and discussion.

Through this kind of interpretation between an attempted "Community of Love" on our campus with that larger social and religious community surrounding us we are all certainly prodded to the awareness of our own weakness and sin and much of the lethargy and impotence of religious institutionalism; and kept from becoming academic recluses or mere watchers or commentators on the passing social and religious parade.

The advisability of a person giving his major time to directing the entire work of this department of the curriculum becomes more insistent as we work along as a committee. One who could give thought to the whole economic aspect of field work through scholarships in which seminary and churches might share—an increasing number of students will need financial assistance and should be able to earn it in connection with their field work wherever possible—the N. Y. A. funds have heped make this problem less critical than it otherwise would be; one who could direct the whole program of supervision by the faculty and spend time himself visiting students at their work; one who could spend many hours daily in conferences with students and help to interpret to the ministers and other leaders of the city their part in making the field work more significant for the student; one who could think through and plan carefully the summer vacation work opportunities for students and explore further possibilities for students to spend the year between their middler and senior years working with another minister or serving a church; etc., etc. These, and many other problems we are becoming more aware of as we proceed. CONVOCATION SPEAKERS, 1935-36

September 28—Mr. Kirby Page: Christianity and Capitalism.
September 30—Professor Baur: My Visit to Germany.
October 8—Professor Heimburger, Washington University: China in Revolution.

October 16 & 17-Professor Martin Schlunk, Tuebingen, Germany. (Three lectures on Missions.)

October 22 & 23-Professor Heinrich Frick (2 lectures): Church and State in Continental Protestantism. Christianity Between Two Poles-Secularism and Mysticism.

October 28-Mr. Benjamin Marsh: The People's Lobby.

November 12—Mr. Harry C. Bowen: The Co-operative Movement. November 16—Professor Harry F. Ward: The Problem of Violence.

November 25-Mr. John Morgan: The Folk School Movement.

December 2-Rev. Harold N. Auler: Christianity in Honduras.

December 10-Rev. T. C. Braun: Christmas in Art.

December 17—Professor H. B. Kelsey: Christmas in Music. December 18—Dr. James P. Warbasse: A Co-operative Society.

January 8-Mr. John Moore: From Manchuria to Manchukuo.

January 13 to February 6-Rev. Martin P. Davis, Missionary to India. Series of 12 lectures on Problems of Modern India.

Convocation Week, February 17-20

Dr. Albert W. Palmer, Chicago Theological Seminary. Three lectures on "Modern Preaching."

Dr. H. Richard Niebuhr, Yale Divinity School. Four lectures on "The Christian Revolution.'

Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis. Three lectures on "A Search for a New Strategy in Protestantism."

Professor H. B. Kelsey. "Liturgical Services for Non-liturgical Churches." Rev. George M. Gibson, Webster Groves. Series of three devotions.

ENROLLMENT

On June 5, 1935, the close of the previous academic year, eighteen men (18), resident students were graduated with the degree of B.D. One former graduate returned for the commencement at which time he was awarded the B.D. In addition three (3) former students received the award of the B.D. degree in absentia, making the total of B.D.'s awarded twenty-two (22).*

In the commencement service of 1935 there was included also the awarding of the degree of S.T.M. (Master of Sacred Theology) to one man, a graduate of Central Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, who had spent the year at Eden in graduate study.

One man received the diploma of the seminary.

As the proportionate number of men receiving the B.D. increases, the number of men receiving Certificates for work completed but not academically rated as "graduates" decreases correspondingly. At the 1935 commencement there were but five (5) receiving certificates.

The total number thus recommended to the two still separately functioning church headquarters for ordination was twenty-four (24). Three of this number were former Dayton men.

The present academic year, 1935-36, presents the following enrollment

B.D. Candidates	Special Students		
Seniors 32** Middlers 19** Juniors 24	3rd year Specials 6** 2nd year Specials 4 1st year Specials 3		
Total	Total Special		

^{*} Two of these men were members of Church fellowships other than our own and therefore are not included among those recommended for ordination.

** Of the groups marked, four (4) left the seminary during or at the close of the fall term; two (2) on leave of absence to serve congregations; one (1) because he had completed his academic at that time. One (1) other student here enrolled contemplates finishing his work during the spring term, illness having prevented his attendance thus far. Two (2) others enrolled at the beginning of the winter term. the winter term.

Three seniors, three middlers and four juniors are from the constituency of the Reformed branch of the church.

Five students, two seniors, one middler, and two juniors are members

of denominations other than Evangelical or Reformed.

During the first term, in addition to the above, two Mennonite medical Missionaries visited classes at the Seminary.

THE EDEN SEMINARY BULLETIN

In January the Seminary published the first number of the "Eden Theological Seminary Bulletin." The purpose of the "Bulletin" was stated in the "Foreword" to the first number. That statement bears repetition here.

"The faculty of Eden Seminary issues the initial number of the 'Bulletin' with the hope that it may contribute in some measure to the revitalization of the Church. Confronted as we are with the union of the Evangelical and the Reformed groups—a union already realized in some measure through the union of Eden and Central Seminaries—it is certainly the concern not only of the faculty but of every alumnus that the union should make fullest use of its opportunities. The full fruit of the union will not be seen in a day; but certainly what that fruit will be, will be determined in large measure by the spiritual vitality, intellectual alertness, and practical statesmanship that is displayed by the sons of Eden and Central.

"The objective of the 'Bulletin' is to provide in its own modest way a means for the expression of Christian realism in many-sided application. While no one can overlook the fact that the Christian Church is a world fellowship and that we are in most immediate contact with American protestantism, our most immediate concern is with our own branch of the Church. We can make our contribution to the universal church and American protestantism only as we develop the Christian message and life within our own body. That is a practical and a theological task. It is a theological task, for it is imperative to restate the gospel so that its living power again becomes articulate. It is a practical task, for without a spiritually orientated laity and clergy the very springs of vitality are dried up.

"This 'Bulletin' is sent out to the alumni of Eden and Central because we cannot escape the conviction that associations and common interests have woven a tie which makes it natural to appeal to them to unite in an effort to bring greater power to the Church. There is no reason to restrict the 'Bulletin' solely to Eden and Central alumni in the future. For the present, however, it has seemed the wise thing to do.

"We come into a field vacant by the cessation of the 'Theological Magazine' and the 'Keryx.' In a sense, the 'Bulletin' is their successor. In another sense, it is something altogether new. The 'Bulletin' is glad to acknowledge its debt to the experience of the magazines which preceded it. We should fail miserably, however, if no new vitality, no new stimulus transmitted itself through its pages to the clergy.

"The criticisms and suggestions of the alumni will always be welcome."
The Seminary has planned the Bulletin as a quarterly, one number of which will be the annual Catalog.

It is hoped that the Alumni Association, now being organized around the nucleus of the Alumni of Central Theological Seminary, will bear part of the expenses of publication.

If the "Bulletin" proves to be a means towards stimulating the spiritual life of the Church and a help towards sensitizing the ministry, it will have justified its existence. In that case, the Seminary will regard the effort expended on it as eminently well repaid.

Expenditures of Eden Theological Seminary for the period covering 1934, 1935 and February and March, 1936 (exclusive of debt reduction, interest payments and fund transfers) are \$120,612.00.

Respectfully submitted, S. D. Press, President.

REPORT OF ELMHURST COLLEGE

To the General Synod:

Respectfully I submit a report on the status of Elmhurst College for study and consideration by the delegates to the General Synod and by others who may be interested.

In view of the impending decision regarding the completion of the merger it is important that all of us understand that Elmhurst College has been owned and operated by the Evangelical Synod of N. A. since 1871. This was done under a charter issued by the State of Illinois on February 16, 1865, to the German United Evangelical Synod of the Northwest. On June 26, 1889, proper steps were taken to record the change in the name of this corporation to read instead, "The German Evangelical Synod of North America." Again on October 13, 1925, the corporate name of said Synod was officially changed from German Evangelical Synod to "The Evangelical Synod of North America," and was so brought to the attention of the Secretary of the State of Illinois and properly recorded.

From this charter we quote Section 2-

"The objects and purposes of this corporation shall be the advancement of the Christian religion, the establishment of schools, seminaries and colleges for the education of youths and of clergy, the erection of churches, of other and any religious and charitable institutions to promote and advance the interests of the Christian religion, of education, of the arts and sciences and for charitable purposes generally."

In accordance with this intimate association between the denomination and this, its only, college there were appropriated from the regular church budget sums varying between twenty and eighty thousand dollars year after year or an average of \$71,000 plus during the last fifteen years. Concretely stated about one third of the needs of Elmhurst College were thus supplied by the Church. May I call attention to the fact that in the years 1929 and 1932 when the highest amount or more than \$70,000.00 per year was appropriated, the financial reports indicate satisfactory seasons. In those years the efficiency of the school was in no sense to be compared with that at the present time. This leaves the issue clear.

No doubt the Committee on Constitution had this in mind when it provided among the Boards of the General Synod a Board of Directors of Elmhurst College, even though none of the other educational institutions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church are so specified.

For us two questions become pertinent:

1.) Could the charter of the Evangelical Synod of N. A., an Illinois corporation, be amended to read "an act to incorporate Elmhurst College"?

2) Can Elmhurst College expect to be permanently favored as an educational institution by securing much of its support directly from the denominational treasury?

In response to question one, legal counsel might be necessary and in response to question two, I beg leave to suggest that a special committee appointed to study this situation suggests that its status be tentatively accepted with a view to making such changes in the course of time as will place Elmhurst College in the same category as any other educational institution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

For the School I wish to state on the basis of recent experiences that its future will depend upon a thoroughgoing understanding of its purposes and program. Unless the church, or specifically the area in which this college is located, sends us a sufficient number of young men and young women so as to raise our enrolment to 300 or slightly more, it will be exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, for us to operate within the budget heretofore approved. The efficient operation of this institution forbids the reduction of its per capita expenditure per student on the basis of the

present enrolment. Consequently only an increased income can solve the present dilemma.

The other horn in this dilemma may be stated in a general way as the obligation of a church to remain definitely interested in higher education over against the atheistic and materialistic philosophy of our day as well as over against the indifference of many church people regarding specific practical, social and religious problems. The church will need to set up and maintain its standards for the purpose of providing education on higher levels geared into the objective of a Christian character. As for me I find it exceedingly difficult to conceive of a training of character without Christian motivation. Thus may we raise the question whether any of the funds of the church ought to be invested in higher education except it be on the basis of recognized responsibility regarding such training in character and personality.

The Elmhurst-Eden Advance from which shall come the resources to retire our bonded indebtedness as well as to provide additional endowment continues to promise the results originally anticipated although much work still needs to be done in order to bring this about. We have the pledges and we are seeking to turn them into cash as rapidly as possible.

In view of the fact that the merger extends the western boundary of the church, there seems to be no doubt about the strategic location of Elmhurst College. None the less I recommend that the church face this whole problem of higher education with a view toward determining how it can best meet the demands of this day at a cost commensurate with the value of the undertaking. To me the merger implies a venture in faith. May it also imply a venture in a clearer concept of Christian education, in social progress and in a personal commitment to the Master, whom we seek to serve and whose word and life need to throw light upon every relationship of human life to keep us from complacency and to impel us to a critical self-examination. We welcome the larger outlook and we stand ready to serve as the church may direct under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Lehmann, President.

Statement of Income and Expense January 1, 1934 to December 31, 1935

	Jan. 1, 1934	Jan. 1, 1935	Jan. 1, 1934
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Income:	Dec. 31, 1934	Dec. 31, 1935	Dec. 31, 1935
Budget Appropriation of E	v. Sy\$ 58,008.00	\$ 54,859.66	\$112,867.66
Tuition and Fees	38,887.10	39,029.52	77,916.62
Commons Board	21,495.95	22,053.14	43,549.09
Dormitories and Rentals	16,326.86	17,021.55	33,348.41
School of Music	4,662.35	5,635.43	10,297.78
Interest, Endowment	3,281.49	3,340.83	6,622.32
Interest, Scholarships	414.68	747.94	1,162.62
Gifts, Restricted	179.86	2,977.04	3,156.90
Cifts, Unrestricted	359.05	218.79	577.84
Athletics	2,170.93	2,409.09	4,580.02
Student Aid		1,062.78	1,612.67
Musical Activities	461.60	423.30	884.90
Dramatics	213.60	189.39	402.99
National Youth Administrat	tion 2,127.63	1,865.09	3,992.72
Miscellaneous	1,625.31	576.92	2,202.23
	\$150,764.30	\$152,410.47	\$303,174.77
Elmhurst-Eden Advance Fu	inds 11,000.00	24,113.84	35,113.84
Total Income	\$161,764.30	\$176,524.31	\$338,288.61

	Jan. 1, 1934 to	Jan. 1, 1935 to	Jan. 1, 1934 to
		Dec. 31, 1935	
Expenses:			
Foodstuffs Used	\$ 12.870.88	\$ 14,482.56	\$ 27,353.44
Student Aid, Scholarships	9,969.00	12,146.84	22,115.84
Repairs and Maintenance		7,221.52	13,740.33
Supplies—General	5,305.92	5,325.29	10,631.21
Fuel Consumed	3,997.26	4,461.76	8,459.02
Commissions, School of Music	3,495.78	4,190.29	7,686.07
Light and Power		2,305.56	4,710.00
Insurance		2,557.17	4,893.74
Traveling		2,196.10	3,893.68
Catalogues and Bulletins		1,393.30	2,795.20
Catalogues and Bulletins Interest Paid	1,259.12	1,166.28	2,425.40
Laundry and Towel Service	1,167.03 1,163.82	1,719.54 $1,073.69$	2,886.57 2,237.51
Advertising and Publicity		780.15	1,913.74
Supplies, Janitors'		1,056.03	2,074.84
Professional Services	812.50	662.85	1,475.35
Stationery and Printing		648.09	1,432.14
Telephone and Telegraph	425.80	619.73	1,045.53
Postage	737.46	563.30	1,300.76
Depreciation, School of Music	702.35	393.61	1,095.96
Water	528.17	1,315.37	1,843.54
Trees, Shrubs, Lawn, etc	456.42	192.64	649.06
Binding and Repairing Books		328.00	769.57
Guarantees		365.00	795.00
Officials' Fees	412.50	454.00	866.50
Graduation		514.16	923.40
Speakers, Chapel		501.50	896.50
Gas	767.06	783.61	1,550.67
Membership Fees		261.00	482.00
Freight and Express	121.20	118.97	240.17
Automobile and Truck Licenses		65.09 53.20	126.63 113.70
Miscellaneous		1,694.51	2,684.56
Dues and Subscriptions	20.25	1,001.01	20.25
World's Fair Guests	1,137.29		1,137.29
Federal Tax on Checks	42.02		42.02
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Instruction		54,291.74	103,901.84
Administration		10,981.44	21,929.96
Commons		6,832.81	13,884.85
Janitors	6,901.08	7,159.39	14,060.47
Musical Activities		4,545.56 1,800.00	8,807.96 4,300.00
Campus		1,104.67	2,614.01
Publicity and Promotion		2,288.30	3,548.05
School of Music	1,052.31	982.27	2,034.58
Maintenance	855.63	1,511.23	2,366.86
Athletic Department	498.31	743.03	1,241.34
Matron		409.84	818.19
Chapel		310.00	633.00
Garage		383.66	671.78
Watchman	246.00	240.00	486.00
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Total Expenses\$153,621.98	\$165,413.95	\$319,035.93
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Previous Year's Deficit	2,033.01*	2,033.01
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The foregoing reports of Eden Theological Seminary and Elmhurst College were referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions. This Committee presented its report on Tuesday evening through the Chairman, Dr. J. N. LeVan.

Item 1 was adopted.

Items 2 and 3 were tabled until the Budget section of the Executive Committee's report was under consideration. For action see said report. The report was finally adopted as a whole, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

To your Committee were referred the reports of two institutions, as presented in the Blue Book, viz.:

1. Eden Theological Seminary—the Report of President Press.

2. Elmhurst College—the Report of President Lehmann, with "the statement of income and expense."

The General Synod gratefully acknowledges the faithful and efficient service of the President and Faculty of Eden Theological Seminary, as evidenced by the high standards of the institution, by its comprehensive and expanding curriculum, by its purposeful Christian fellowship. Everyone of the 88 students has been engaged in some phase of field work under the guidance of a faculty advisor. The splendid program of convocation speakers, 20 in number, proved to be helpful and inspirational. We rejoice in the happy fruition of the union of the Eden and Central Theological Seminaries. We share in the deep sense of loss sustained by the death of the consecrated coworker, Dr. F. William Leich.

Elmhurst College, owned and operated by the Evangelical Synod of

Elmhurst College, owned and operated by the Evangelical Synod of North America, since 1871, reports an enrollment of 246 students, and challenges the Church to aid in an increased enrollment to realize the recognized unit for economic operation. Encouraging report is made concerning the Elmhurst-Eden Advance for the retiring of bonded indebted-

ness and for the provision of additional endowment.

Your Committee would call to the attention of the General Synod the far-flung line of seminaries, colleges and academies of the united Church, 14 in number, affording to the youth of our constituency unparalleled opportunities for training in leadership and service. These institutions commend themselves to the earnest and generous support of the church. To them the Church locks for the trained leaders of tomorrow—in the ministry and among the laity. Our ministry has been recruited almost ex-

clusively from our church-related institutions—few coming from our statesubsidized institutions. We have come to know, also, that our lay leadership comes largely from the youth who have maintained their Christian ideals and their zeal for Christian living and service in the halls of these institutions.

The Church looks to these institutions of learning for trained Christian leaders, and, in turn, our seminaries, college, and academies justly look to the churches for funds for their adequate support and equipment, for students who shall use the opportunities offered, and for the cultivation of a favorable attitude toward our church-related institutions.

With this reciprocal relationship in mind, our Church stands committed to the ideal that the chief purpose of our educational institutions is the building of sound character, the cultivation of Christian personality and the preparation for Christian leadership and service, and that the chief means to that end are consecrated personalities in the faculties, and the inclusion of courses in religion in the curricula.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following resolutions for your consideration and action:

1. That the General Synod urge the ministry and members of the Church to an earnest consideration and support of our educational institutions, as outstanding and worthy schools to which to send their youth and refer their friends.

2. That the General Synod grant the request of Eden Theological Seminary for aid in the sum of \$46,975.00 annually for the biennium, and said amount be referred to the committee on finance for apportionment to the churches of the "E" group.

3. That the General Synod grant the request of Elmhurst College for aid in the sum of \$75,000.00 annually for the biennium, and that said amount be referred to the committee on finance for apportionment to the churches of the "E" group, with the proviso that the Board of Directors of Elmhurst College shall undertake to bring the institution to self-support within a reasonable period of time, in order to place the college in the same category as any other educational institution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. LeVan J. P. Meyer F. W. Schroeder John H. Keller E. Bruce Jacobs Theo. Schmale W. H. Kretchman Julius H. T. Englemann John F. Peters A. H. Krusemark

9. Christianity and Social Problems

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS

(Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

Commissions, like ours, have come into life because pioneering spirits, in the past few generations, labored diligently toward awakening the church to its leadership to all fields of human travail and misfortune as they were revealed in the industrialization processes. The efforts of the pioneers aroused some interest in the church, which appointed, even

though reluctantly, commissions and committees on social action. Since the church as a whole knew little about the fields of operation it was left to these groups to chart their own courses.

In the charting of these courses the underlying thought was that the church must be helpful to struggling man in his economic, social and political troubles, that the weight of the church must be lent toward bringing about better conditions through a more equitable distribution of the goods of production and through the resolution of conflicts between classes of society and between nations. Being the spokesmen of the church these groups felt impelled to go further than other groups interested in social action, by not only raising the social, political and economic issues but by weaving in the moral and ethical implications. This in general outline was the way in which commissions conceived of their tasks.

The pioneers in social action, and their successors, who revealed a commendable zeal in striving to awaken a social conscience in the church, took for granted that the church possessed sufficient, if latent, power of faith to render a redemptive service in all the neglected areas of human life. Their pronouncements and reports, though striking a critical and sharp note, inferred confidence that the church could function efficiently when once sufficiently aroused; what was needed, they felt, was intelligent direction.

This assumption that the church possessed the power of faith to work redemptively in human society was in error. A study of the common lot of humanity reveals that man is plagued, individually and collectively, by many evils; but he suffers from none as much as he does from the fact that the church, though protesting against the cruder forms of worldliness, has itself succumbed to the spirit of worldliness. The lamentable conditions in high and low places are in a real sense "the travailing and groaning of the creation waiting for the revelation of the children of God."

Man is religious; he worships one thing or another, his family, himself, his nation, his culture, his money or his power. The church enters upon his horizon and invites his loyalty; and though it uses the name of God in its appeal it is an emasculated God, one that fits the pattern of the church. In reality it is not loyalty to the eternal verities that is required but loyalty to an institution. Setting man's loyalty on something less than God is the essence of worldliness. Here the conservative church and the liberal church are in the same condemnation, for neither will consider losing its identity that man might find God.

Since the church does not possess the power of faith to deal effectively with the travails and misfortunes of man shall we therefore conclude that we are to cease from studying social conditions and problems and from making declarations based on the findings of such studies? We think not. The discovery that the church needs healing as much as the world is the hand of God leading his children through the study of history and contemporary life to eternal truths. It means that we are invited to go further. We are not only to study the symptoms of man's troubles; the physical and material afflictions, but we are invited to look upon the seat of the malady, namely, that man has no bread from heaven. It does not mean that the earlier emphasis, that the church prove itself helpful in man's mundane troubles, shall be relinquished but that another emphasis, one of greater importance, shall be super-imposed. This greater emphasis will be critical of the other. It will insist that the church, if it truly aspires to be the church of Christ, must in spirit and truth regard itself the servant of God first and a servant of humanity next, but never a servant of self.

The church must look to both heaven and earth. When it looks at earth only it becomes humanistic, when it looks at heaven only it

grows pietistic. Its understanding of man grows as it knows more of God and its understanding of God increases as it beholds man.

Looking at the earth the church sees common humanity sorely beset by many evils which come to it through profit-motivated society, through government's failure to govern, through imperialism and nationalism, through placing things above life. It must feel the desire to cry out against it all, it must know the burning impulse to combat the evils and the determination to labor toward a fuller sharing of the good life for all people. No maudlin sympathy for the poor will do. It must see the poor as they really are, poor not only because they have nothing but because they pay so high for having nothing. It must recognize the liar in the political spell-binder who bemoans the lot of the rich and the middle class because a heavy tax-burden has fallen on them when the poor and unemployed whose wages have been taken from them are the real bearers of the tax-burden. They pay not only in dollars and cents, they pay in life and death.

But looking to heaven an interpretation is given to what is seen on earth. The poverty of the earthly poor is interpreted as a symptom and symbol of another kind of poverty in which all mankind shares. This other kind of poverty-stricken condition demands a more devastating price than the earthly poor pay, namely, the world is in bondage. For it life is futile, purposeless and utter frustration stalks it day by day. Man's cherished belief in himself, in science, in progress and improvement has proven itself phantasmagorial. Man lives in a madhouse. Every attempt to set the house in order by throwing out one evil brings in other devils worse than the first. Why? Man has usurped the place of God. Man is the end of all things. He seeks salvation indeed but not a saviourhood. He wants to use God but does not want God to use him.

Our Lord, so it is reported, "well knew what was in man" and the saviourhood which he offered was divinely fitted to man's real condition. The tendency of the church has been, and continues to be, to discount just that kind of intimate knowledge concerning man which its Lord had and as a consequence it stands as a mediator of an irrelevant salvation which has little significance in a real redemption.

In this connection we, of the present commission, must point out the necessity of establishing a commission on social action in the united church which can render a service more effective than has been the case in either communion heretofore. The need of gaining intimate understanding in all areas and on all frontiers of life always tends to be understanded. The work of the new commission must be supported liberally by a church which expects to give a meaningful leadership in the Christian enterprise.

A few months ago the Joint Commission on Christian Social Action of the Evangelical and Reformed Church issued a pamphlet, "Facing Our Social Responsibilities," which we call to the attention of the General Synod. It was issued months ahead of this meeting in order that the clergy and laity of both churches might have sufficient time to give voice to their reactions, suggestions and criticisms. Members of district conferences who have not read this publication are requested to do so. Space forbids to quote from it at length in this report, however, we cannot refrain from including the following statements:

"Impelled by the living presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and aware of our dependence on the Holy Spirit given to us by God for our guidance and enlightenment, we are moved to consider most earnestly how we may more fully give expression to our Christian faith in the affairs of our common life.

"In the presence of God, we do put from us all loyalties that are not compatible with loyalty to our Lord which we confess anew.

- "1. We will not align ourselves with those forces and predatory interests in our social order which would perpetuate selfishness, greed, and basic injustice in our social institutions.
- "2. We can no longer accept as compatible with our Christian faith a social, economic, and political order which makes for materialism in practice, robs personality of its opportunities for development for the sake of others' enrichment, leads to an increasingly bitter hatred between worker and employer, intensifies divisive racial and national prejudices and ultimately drives nations into foolish and destructive wars, develops and perpetuates economic inequality with consequent political inequality without respect to function.
- "3. We cannot accept any industrial order which makes the pursuit of profit its dominant motive rather than the pursuit of the common good and thus permit the most irresponsible and un-Christian practices in the acquisition and distribution of property.
- "4. Remembering that in Christ there are no such distinctions, we will seek to eliminate from our own lives and through the power of loving admonishment and example seek to free others from the embittering prejudices of nationality, color, and creed. We will lend our support to efforts to eliminate from our institutions the evidences of such prejudices—segregation, denial of civil rights, discrimination, social intolerance, and bestial lynching—so that brotherhood may find a more perfect expression.
- "5. We reject as ancient paganism in modern dress that doctrine of state which would give to the state control over every human activity including exclusive control of the family, of education, and of the church of Christ.
- "6. We do solemnly pledge ourselves not to sanction or bless any aggressive or imperialistic war, for we are convinced that it is our Christian responsibility to promote by thought, word, and deed the means of pacific settlement of international disputes and not to lend ourselves to the mass murder of our fellowmen."

THE PAST YEAR

During the past year our Commission made special efforts toward the appointment of district commissions. Eight districts responded by appointing commissions. The New York District has had a functioning commission for years, so that now we have nine district commissions altogether. Two other districts expressed themselves favorably but failed to form a personnel to carry out the resolution.

The work of two of these commissions has proven the value of district commissions. They manage somehow to get before all the important conferences and conventions of the districts of public welfare.

It was the privilege of our Commission to meet with the Commission on Social Service of the Reformed Church on two different occasions. We formed a Joint Commission on Christian Social Action. Together we issued several messages and the pamphlet, mentioned above, "Facing Our Social Responsibilities." We also distributed "Churches in Social Action" by James Myers, of the Federal Council. This pamphlet carried our imprint. Besides this we mailed other informative material, among it "The A B C of Japanese and American Relations."

May we also direct your attention to two additional pieces of literature prepared by the Joint Commission on Christian Social Action. The Christmas Message, distributed in 20.000 copies in interested churches, and the Lenten message, mailed in 40,000 copies and distributed in our churches.

As emphatically as possible we wish to call attention to the objectives contained in an overture to the General Synod by our Joint Commission

and to the need of taking some decisive action in regard to them, that the Church may have definite guidance in this important part of its work.

Because we believe that our task is important and worth while we plead for some arrangement for adequate support, that our Joint Commission or its successor may not be handicapped in the things it may find necessary to do as our share of the common task of building a better world.

THE COMMISSION ON CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS

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REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

To the General Synod:

The Joint Commission on Christian Social Action originated at a meeting of the Commission on Social Service of the Reformed group and representatives of the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems of the Evangelical group held in Lancaster, Pa., in January, 1935. The Joint Commission was formed in order to undertake joint projects and form a working basis of union until such time as the new constitution for the Evangelical and Reformed Church should be adopted. The Reverend C. E. Schaeffer, D.D., was elected to serve as chairman of the Joint Commission and the undersigned as secretary. Since the joint meeting in Lancaster a second joint meeting at Webster Groves, Mo., was held in the fall of 1935 and a meeting is scheduled at the time of this writing for a joint meeting preceding the meeting of the General Synod in Fort Wayne at Fort Wayne.

It should be emphasized that the two commissions have enjoyed a fine spirit of cooperation in their mutual problems and have found in cooperative endeavor a greater potency and efficiency in dealing with the social problems which confront the churches of Christ in the modern world. The experiences of the Joint Commission point very strongly to the need of an able, well-supported Commission on Christian Social Action in the united church. The Evangelical and Reformed Church now faces an opportunity to provide the means for giving a more articulate and concrete expression to the implications of our Christian faith for social and economic problems. The commissions of the two groups and the Joint Commission have but scratched the surface; our work has only given a hint of the serious responsibility, the opportunity, and the urgency of carrying on to still further development the transformation of life according to the spirit of Christ.

It is pertinent here to mention what has been accomplished with all too limited resources. The Joint Commission has prepared and distributed:

- 1. The Lenten Message for 1935; orders for 60,000 copies were filled.
- 2. The Christmas Message for 1935; orders for 20,000 copies were filled.
- 3. The Lenten Message for 1936; orders for 40,000 copies were filled.

The above messages were offered to ministers for distribution in their congregations. The reception given to these messages suggests that many ministers of our churches are interested in the application of the Gospel to the whole of life. The messages were written with the aim in view of being neither "personal" nor "social" in the exclusive sense in which these terms are sometimes employed, but rather directed to the Christian community composed of consecrated individuals at work in the world to claim the whole of human living for our Lord.

4. The most ambitious undertaking of the Joint Commission was the publication of "Facing Our Social Responsibility," a 32-page pamphlet dealing with various areas of contemporary life in the light of Christian principles and setting forth proposed objectives for the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Copies were sent to all the clergy of the "E" and the "R" groups. The balance of a 3,000 edition has been exhausted.

The Joint Commission has also made available to our churches through the service of distribution several publications prepared and issued by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Notable among these were James Myers' pamphlet, "Churches in Social Action," and several helpful folders from the department on International Relations.

The Objectives for Christian Social Action

The Joint Commission on Christian Social Action herewith submits to the General Synod for approval the following statement of Objectives. It is strongly recommended that the General Synod adopt these objectives as expressions of the teaching of the Church on social problems and as directives for action.

OBJECTIVES FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

(A tentative statement prepared by the Joint Commission on Christian Social Action of the Evangelical and Reformed Church)

Impelled by the living presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and aware of our dependence on the Holy Spirit given to us by God for our guidance and enlightenment, we are moved to consider most earnestly how we may more fully give expression to our Christian faith in the affairs of our common life.

Before God, we confess our sins as individuals and as a Church. Too often have we yielded to the lust for wealth and power and compromised the teaching of the gospel so that it would be acceptable to the powers of the social order. Too often have we set the welfare of the institution above the fellowship of saints. Too often have we given our blessing to the brutal and selfish struggle for profit without criticism of the impact of that struggle on the personalities of our fellowmen; to the whole structure of the social order that exalts wealth as the greatest good, establishes the profit-motive as normal, right, and necessary, and subordinates the rights of personality to the claims of property. Too frequently have we, while professing supreme loyalty to Jesus Christ, in reality given over our consciences to the keeping of the state and shared in the excesses of an unbridled, licentious, and imperialistic nationalism. We have blessed war and lent ourselves to the spreading of lies and incitement to bitter hatred against our brothers, too often have we identified the prejudices and conduct of our nation, of our race, of our class with the teaching of Jesus. For these our sins we do implore forgiveness—forgiveness of our fellowmen and of our God. We pray God for a truly penitent spirit and true repentance.

In the presence of God, we do put from us all loyalties that are not

compatible with loyalty to our Lord which we confess anew.

 We will not align ourselves with those forces and predatory interests in our social order which would perpetuate selfishness, greed, and basic

injustice in our social institutions.

2. We can no longer accept as compatible with our Christian faith a social, economic, and political order which makes for materialism in practice, robs personality of its opportunities for development for the sake of others' enrichment, leads to an increasingly bitter hatred between worker and employer, intensifies divisive racial and national prejudices and ultimately drives nations into foolish and destructive wars, develops and perpetuates economic inequality with consequent political inequality without respect to function.

- 3. We cannot accept any industrial order which makes the pursuit of profit its dominant motive rather than the pursuit of the common good and thus permits the most irresponsible and unchristian practices in the acquisition and distribution of property.
- 4. Remembering that in Christ there are no such distinctions, we will seek to eliminate from our own lives and through the power of loving admonishment and example seek to free others from the embittering prejudices of nationality, color, and creed. We will lend our support to efforts to eliminate from our institutions the evidences of such prejudices—segregation, denial of civil rights, discrimination, social intolerance, and bestial lynching—so that brotherhood may find a more perfect expression.
- 5. We reject as ancient paganism in modern dress that doctrine of the state which would give to the state control over every human activity including exclusive control of the family, of education, and of the Church of Christ.
- 6. We do solemnly pledge ourselves not to sanction or bless any aggressive or imperialistic war, for we are convinced that it is our Christian responsibility to promote by thought, word, and deed the means of pacific settlement of international disputes and not lend ourselves to the mass murder of our fellowmen.

That a more just society may be established and that a social order more compatible with the genius of Christian love may be brought into being, we do adopt these principles as the expression of the conviction of our Church and commend them to those in her care:

CIVIL LIBERTIES

1. In order that the resort to violence as a means of social change may not be made necessary because peaceful means are withheld and in order that as a people we may continue to enjoy freedom of thought and speech, of assembly and press for the discovery of truth, we do commit ourselves to enlargement of the sphere of these basic liberties in economic as well as political relations and set ourselves against all efforts to narrow these liberties through insidious propaganda issued by special economic interests, through legislative enactment under the guise of loyalty and sedition bills, and through collective intolerance and violence on the part of particular groups.

ECONOMIC RELATIONS

- In order that the Christian principles of respect for personality, establishment of brotherhood, and obedience to the revealed will of God may find more adequate expression in our economic order, we commit ourselves to work for:
 - a) Acceptance of higher standards of social responsibility in the acquisition and distribution of wealth;
 - A more equitable distribution of wealth on the basis of the energy and genius expended in the production of economic goods;
 - The recognition of the right of employers and workers to collective bargaining and ultimately the establishment of democratic control of industry for the good of society;
 - d) Social control of banking, credit, and money so that justice may be done and the common good enhanced;
 - e) The establishment of an economic order which will set the welfare of society above the demands of the profit-motive through a planned economy; and as a means to that end, the encouragement of producer and consumer cooperatives.

- 3. Recognizing that God's gifts to us entail commensurate responsibilities and that the advantages of technological improvements in industry carry with them special obligations, we commit ourselves to:
 - a) A living wage for all workers as a basic minimum and a just share of the product which their genius and energy have made:
 - b) A reduction in the hours of labor as the general productivity of industry increases; release from labor at least one day in seven; and the acceptance, as quickly as possible, of a five-day working week;
 - The protection of workers against industrial accidents and occupational diseases;
 - d) The establishment of such conditions in industry as shall protect the welfare of women, of the home, and of the community;
 - e) The abolition of child labor and adequate provisions for the intellectual, moral, and spiritual nurture of all children;
 - f) Adequate programs of social insurance to protect men and women from the hazards of unemployment and of old age, and women from the economic hazards of maternity.

AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS

So that justice may be done to the farmer and the agricultural worker on whose welfare depends the welfare of all, we commit ourselves to work for:

- a) The establishment of a system of agricultural credits which will adequately meet the needs of the farmer and protect him from exploitation:
- b) The establishment of a fair price for the implements he needs and for the products he raises and for transportation of those products to markets:
- c) The extension of the benefits of technological improvements and educational and cultural opportunities to rural families.

THE HOME

Convinced that it is God's will for us to establish and maintain monogamous families in which the Christ may dwell as head and guest, we commit ourselves to work for:

- a) Education and moral and religious instruction which will guide our youth towards the establishment and maintenance of a single Christian standard of moral purity;
- b) The elimination of the insidious influences of profit-motivating amusements such as certain magazines, motion pictures, theatres, and places of entertainment, which basely exploit sex, thereby inculcating low and perverse standards of behavior of one sex towards the other and of the family;
- c) The establishment of basic economic and spiritual conditions so that the home may be maintained in its integrity and use its full capacities as the developer of personality for all its members.

RACE RELATIONS

Recognizing that we are all one in Christ and that before God there is no distinction of persons, we commit ourselves to work for:

- a) The establishment of a social order in which national, religious, and racial prejudice will be non-existent and each race and nationality permitted the free development and expression of its native genius;
- b) The elimination of brutish and lawless lynching;
- c) The elimination of segregation; of economic and social discrimination; of the denial of civil liberties; of the denial of the right of franchise because of race or nationality or creed.

POLITICAL RELATIONS

Reaffirming our acknowledgement of the sovereignty of God over all men and all human relations and our belief that social institutions exist for the good of man, we commit ourselves to work for;

- a) The establishment of a political order in the local, national, and international spheres which will be duly sensible of its responsibilities to God and man:
- b) The establishment of the supreme right of conscience over all social institutions, including the state;
- c) The establishment of a community of nations ruled by reason and justice rather than by might and imperialistic ambition, and hence the promotion of all agencies making for the pacific settlement of international disputes;
- d) The elimination of profit from the manufacture of all armaments and the drastic reduction of armaments;
- e) The elimination of all compulsory military training from colleges and the complete elimination of military training from secondary schools;
- f) Repudiation of war as a means of settling international disputes.

SOCIAL REGULATIONS

So that there may be a physically and morally healthy citizenry, we commit ourselves to work for:

- 1. Protection from the economic, social, and moral wastes of profit-motivated traffic in intoxicants and habit-forming drugs.
- Regulation of the distribution of motion pictures and the elimination of the pernicious block-booking system.
- The application of the Christian principle of redemption to the treatment of offenders; the elimination of police brutality; the reform of penal and correctional methods and institutions and of criminal court procedure.

Further Recommendations

The Joint Commission recommends that the General Synod take proper action to provide for the Commission on Christian Social Action of the Evangelical and Reformed Church such financial resources as will make possible carrying on the work in more adequate ways. The resolution of the Texas District of the "E" group recommending to the General Synod that the Commission have an annual budget of \$10,000.00 is by no means extravagant. Such a sum is needed if we are to do the work which is the responsibility of the Church.

The Joint Commission recommends that the General Synod commend to and urge the pastors and laity to support in every possible way the cooperative movement, which has received such a stimulus in this country from the efforts of Dr. Kagawa, both in urban and rural areas.

The Joint Commission further recommends that the General Synod commend to and urge the pastors and laity to support the Emergency Peace Campaign in its work and program.

Respectfully submitted,

The Joint Commission on Christian Social Action Evangelical and Reformed Church Elmer J. F. Arndt, Secretary.

The foregoing reports of the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems of the Evangelical Synod and of the Joint Commission on Christian Social Action were referred to the Committee on Christianity and Social Problems. The reading of the report of this Committee was begun on Wednesday morning and was continued during the afternoon

session. It was presented by the Rev. Roland Rupp and action taken item by item.

Item 1 was adopted.

For Item 2 the following substitute motion was offered by the Chairman. "That we receive the Objectives for Christian Social Action as contained in the Report of the Joint Commission and that we refer these objectives to the Districts and Classes for study and discussion." This substitute, after earnest discussion, was adopted.

Item 3 was adopted.

Item 4 was referred to the Executive Committee.

Item 5 was amended to read, be given "on reasonable assurance" instead of "on written stipulation" and as thus amended was adopted.

Item 6 was amended to read "that the proposed pamphlet be distributed to the ministers, elders and lay delegates of the Classes and Districts" and the item, as thus amended, was adopted.

Item 7, after a clarifying explanation by Dr. A. R. Gluck, was adopted.

Item 8 was adopted.

Item 9 was referred to the Committee on Constitution.

Item 10, following a frank and friendly discussion, the motion to adopt this item was defeated. The report then was finally adopted as a whole. It originally read as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Christianity and Social Problems has carefully studied the report of the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems of the "E" group and the report of the Joint Commission on Christianity and Social Action as printed in the Blue Book, and all other resolutions and material submitted to it.

We rejoice that the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems of the Evangelical group and the Commission on Social Action of the Reformed group have united and formed the Joint Commission on Christian Social Action.

We also commend this Commission for the splendid service rendered the Church in the preparation and distribution of:

The Lenten Message for 1935

The Christmas Message for 1935

The Lenten Message for 1936.

The pamphlet, "Facing Our Social Responsibility."

The Committee recognizes the gravity of the present crisis in civilization. The future of civilization hangs in the balance. Christianity is now being threatened from every side and stubbornly resisted in every forward step. Intellectual bankruptcy marks the efforts of our world statement. World morality and idealism are in a state of collapse. The world forces of religion have failed to grapple effectively with the problems of modern life. Unless God intervenes, worldwide catastrophe is inevitable. The Christian Church must become as never before the instrument of God for

the salvation of the world. Nothing less than the glorious incarnation of Christ in our present Christian fellowship can be of any avail. God and Christ alone, in full command of the Christian forces of this world, can save us and civilization. The Christian Church must be inspired somehow to rise to the occasion. Somehow the Christian Church, remolded in the fires of penitence, must be strengthened or consecrated by the Holy Spirit for the greater task which awaits the birth of the sons of God. The lesser tasks of the Church must now be completely superseded by the greater. The distinctive in Christianity, which is the redemptive or the Christlike, must be made central and dominant in the life and every effort of the church. In this way only can we be loyal to the will of God and the needs of humanity.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That General Synod, through its delegates, the pastors or leaders of the churches, summon the entire Church to strive for new heights in spiritual insight, determination and consecration, so that the present crisis in civilization may be met by our Communion with the Spirit at the full understanding of the will of God

understanding of the will of God.
2. That General Synod adopt "The Objectives for Christian Social Action" as printed in the Blue Book on pages 183 to 186 as the accepted ob-

jectives for Christian Social Action for the entire Church.

3. That General Synod request this Joint Commission on Christian Social Action to continue to issue reguarly their Lenten, Christmas, and

other similar messages for the use of pastors and congregations.

4. That General Synod recognize the members of the Commission on Social Service and the members of the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems as constituting a provisional Commission on Christian Social Action, and that the General Synod appropriate \$5,000.00 per annum from its Contingent Fund until the Commission provided for in the proposed Constitution be inaugurated.

- 5. That General Synod instruct the officers and boards of the Evangelical and Reformed Church that all printing of the denomination be done either in a publishing house under the jurisdiction of the Evangelical and Reformed Church or that printing jobs be given only on reasonable assurance that the work shall be done under conditions which at least equal union standards of wages and hours of labor; that the General Synod instruct the publishing houses under its jurisdiction to raise their standards of labor and working conditions as rapidly as possible to fully meet accepted union standards.
- 6. That General Synod request the Joint Commission on Christian Social Action, as soon as possible, to make a most careful and comprehensive study of the character and ethical social implications of the profit system along lines such as these:

What do we mean by the profit system?

Is the profit system Christian?

Can the profit system be brought under the domination of the Spirit of Jesus?

Or, are the profit system and the teachings of Christ irreconcilable? If the profit system cannot be Christianized, what are the alternatives—Socialism? Collectivism? Cooperative?—or what?

The conclusions of this study should be summed up in pamphlet form in such manner that pastors could distribute the materials to their congregations and possibly use it in Sunday school classes or with other study groups.

7. That General Synod ask Virginia Classis, the Board of Trustees of Massanutten Academy and the Headmaster of the institution to consider anew the ethical problems presented to the Church by the fact that military instruction and training are a feature of that institution, and to remove

such features from the activities of the institution as soon as the necessary steps can be practically taken.

8. That General Synod suggest to the editors of the Messenger and other publications of the Church, that in each issue space be set aside for

the presentation and discussion of Christian Social Problems.

9. That the Joint Commission on Christian Social Action be requested to define the "law of the church" on the matter of Christian marriage and divorce, in order that all ministers of the merged Church may be fully informed as to the position of the Church on this problem.

10. This General Synod views with shame and moral indignation the fact of the continuance of slavery in many parts of the world, as evidenced by the published reports of the League of Nations, involving, as estimated

by Viscount Cecil, 5,000,000 persons.

We appeal to the Secretary of State of this nation, the League of Nations, and to the religious forces of the world to use their influence for the eradication of this crime in the modern world.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland L. Rupp, Chairman
Fred C. Schweinfurth, Secretary
F. H. Klemme
Scott R. Wagner
Theodore Merten
Blanchard A. Black
E. J. H. Werle
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10. Auxiliary Organizations

REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL BROTHERHOOD

To the General Synod:

Enlisting men for Kingdom building is still one of the most important as well as difficult tasks of the Church. Without the active support of the men of the Church the Kingdom program will not be fully realized. Men are still in control in the various areas of life and determine the policies and destinies of humanity. The Evangelical Brotherhood is, therefore, challenged with a foremost task of the Church. Our service is vital to the Kingdom cause.

The effect of depressing economic and social conditions is still evident among our men. However, there is a changing for the better. All this is reflected by a more hopeful and willing attitude toward the Church. Another evidence of how economics do affect religious life.

A LOOK AT OUR CONSTITUENCY

Latest statistics report 431 Men's organizations with a total membership of 21,997. This is a decrease due to discouraging economic condi-

tions. When men cannot pay, they stay away.

There is no change in the number of Federations—21 Local and 5 District. Some of these are suffering from lack of better leadership. These Brotherhood Federations have quarterly, semi-annual and annual meetings. St. Louis has monthly, well attended, meetings. Hundreds of men are brought together in these many gatherings and much information is given and inspiration received. Helpful literature is also taken along by the men.

The strength and success of Federations depends on the leadership of both laymen and pastors. Therefore, pastors are asked to give more support to Brotherhood Federations. Local Brotherhoods are challenging men with the problems of personal life, church interests and activities and Kingdom promotion. Social and economic questions are engaging men's thoughts more than any other these days.

NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

The National Convention at Milwaukee in August of 1934 was one of the best ever held. Attendance was encouraging in view of economic conditions. While other groups in these years omit such gatherings, we enjoyed the usual fine fellowship and high inspiration that comes from national meetings. It will always be referred to in the history of our Church as the first in which men of the Reformed Church cooperated and the first national meeting of the united Church addressed by the first president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Dr. Geo. W. Richards. What he thought of this splendid convention is set forth in these words:

"I went away from the Tenth National Convention of the Evangelical Brotherhood with new hope for the future of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

"The inspiring leadership of the President and the Executive Secretary, the evident care with which every part of the program was prepared, the intelligent discussion by the delegates from ten states, the reports of the Committees in the morning and afternoon meetings, the generous and general hospitality of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches in Milwaukee, the attendance of 800 and more men and women in the evening sessions, the sanity and sincerity of the whole convention, convinced me that if the Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League will unite and work together, they will become one of the most effective agencies for the work of the Kingdom in the Evangelical and Reformed Church."

The hospitality and entertainment of the Milwaukee Federation left

nothing undone to make our stay there enjoyable and profitable.

We are glad to report that again this convention paid for itself. The local committee had a balance left.

OUR ANNUAL PROJECTS

- 1. Family Devotions: The establishment and cultivation of Family Altars is stressed throughout the year, especially at the beginning of the year and during the Lenten season. The home of today decides the citizenship of tomorrow. Men must take their place as "Priests of the Home."
- 2. Lay-Evangelism: During Lent our Brotherhoods were called upon to enlist in the evangelistic program of the Church. Visitation evangelism is especially urged.
- 3. Day of Prayer for Missions on or near Ascension Day is observed by a number of Brotherhoods, either alone or with the women of their church. The program issued by the Women's Union is used, in part or whole.
- 4. The Brotherhood Reading Course has many readers among our men. The booklets and pamphlets are informational and inspirational. The 1935 Reading Course had a great sale. The following constitutes our 1936 course:
 - a. Introducing Kagawa—15c
 - b. A New Venture of Faith—10c c. What Shall We Do About War—15c
 - d. Expanding Fields of Service-5c
 - e. New World Horizons-5c
 - f. Dynamic Religion-15c
 - g. Churches in Social Action-10c
 - h. Safeguarding Marriage-20c
 - i. Facing Our Social Responsibility-10c

5. The Undershepherd Service in the interest of the ministry continues to enjoy quite a general usage. Pastors welcome this unique service. The offerings sent in are relayed to the Pension Fund.

6. The Student Support Fund is for needy students at Elmhurst College and Eden Seminary. The annual appeal is made in September. Milwaukee and St. Louis Federations have Student Funds of their own. St.

Louis contributes over \$400.00 annually to Elmhurst College.

Dr. T. Lehmann of Elmhurst College says: "The Student Aid Fund is turning despair into hope and gloom into joy." Dr. S. D. Press of Eden Seminary writes: "The fund is doing a fine and essential service in aiding students."

- 7. Men's Retreats were conducted by the following Federations: Chicago, Buffalo, Indianapolis, Missouri, New York, St. Louis and South Illinois. Our men have not yet fully realized the benefits and blessings of such spiritual gatherings. Annually a suggested program with the request to hold Retreats is sent out.
- 8. Men and Missions Sunday: Annually we join with our Mission Boards in the promotion of the annual Men and Mission Sunday of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in November. Of course it all depends upon the pastor if such a service is held. Men are willing, but pastors must lead the way.
- 9. Brotherhood Corporate Communion on First Advent Sunday. Only a limited number of Brotherhoods observe this annual project. The Brotherhood Board suggests that in the united "Churchmen's Brotherhood" we make this day "Brotherhood or Men's Day" in the Church.
- 10. Father and Son Banquets are quite generally held. Some include the "Father and Son Service" on the Sunday before or after the banquet. We urge all to do this.
- 11. Evangelical Men: In April we promote our monthly organ Evangelical Men. After the national convention in August this paper will bear a new title because of the term "Evangelical."

MEN'S CONGRESSES

Where no Brotherhood Federations exist, we urge that a Men's Congress of all the men of all the churches within the Region be held annually. This year a joint effort is being made with the Reformed Churchmen's League to have a Men's Congress in every classis and Region.

A suggested plan and program has been prepared. We solicit cooperation on the part of Regional Classical officers. The aim is to arouse and enlist our man-power in the program of the Church, locally and denominationally.

STEWARDSHIP ESSAY AND POSTER CONTEST

This year the Evangelica! Brotherhood joined in the promotion of the annual "Stewardship Essay and Poster Contest" of the "R" group. At this writing results were not yet in.

THE MONTHLY PROGRAM

The Monthly Program booklet, used by over two-thirds of the Brother-hoods, provides timely and challenging topics and suggested activities for each month of the year. It is now a joint program of both men's groups in our united Church. We heartily recommend it to every men's organization within our denomination.

The Monthly Topic treatments now appear in "The Messenger." We are grateful to the many writers who have so willingly and ably provided

these articles as well as those for the Monthly Topic Service.

WEEK OF PRAYER

For the second year the St. Louis Federation (the women and young people cooperating) observed the World Week of Prayer—First week of

January—with four services. This is perhaps the only group of men in our Church observing this World Week of Prayer.

OUR LARGER KINGDOM SERVICE

From September, 1935, until January 1936, our Executive Secretary was "loaned" to the Synod as Director of the Larger Kingdom Service work. Naturally he had to carry some of the work of his Boards. We are glad that his efficient services were not in vain. Instead of the expected Budget deficit of about \$60,000 it was reduced to \$17,372. We are happy that we could thus through our Secretary render such valuable services to our beloved Evangelical Synod, and are grateful to our Secretary for his willingness to assume these added duties, so well done.

FIELD WORK

A great deal of field work is done by both the Board members and our

Executive Secretary.

Last year for instance, our Secretary covered 31,402 miles in 14 of the 20 Districts; spoke 211 times, visited 133 churches, attended 201 conferences or committee meetings and taught in two E.L.T.S. schools, the Golden West and the Pacific Northwest. He visited practically all of the churches in the Pennsylvania, California and Pacific Northwest Districts. This took him out of the office 205 days.

This year, besides many other duties and meetings, he is to visit the Indiana and Wisconsin Districts in special promotional work for the

Synod.

CHRISTIANS COOPERATING

Since Toyohiko Kagawa of Japan is everywhere telling of the Rochdale Cooperatives which he has made an organic part of the Kingdom of God movement in Japan, and which apparently have helped the economic conditions of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Great Britain and other countries, and since this movement is being promoted by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ and other Christian groups, as a possible, if only partial, solution of our economic problems, the Brotherhood Board voted to have this subject brought to the attention of our men for their information and careful consideration. Christian men should be informed on all such movements. In this connection we call attention to E. Stanley Jones' Book, "Christ the Alternative for Communism," and Carl Hutchingson's booklet, "Seeking a New World Order Through Cooperatives"—(25c).

THE NATIONAL PREACHING MISSION

Attention is also called to the planned "National Preaching Mission" under the auspices of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ this fall. We are calling upon our organizations to give support to this evangelistic mission.

UNITED ADULT MOVEMENT

Since the International Council of Religious Education in cooperation with all Christian adult agencies in America and Canada is planning to launch a "United Adult Movement" of the character and purpose of the Christian Youth Movement started about three years ago, to enlist the adulthood of the Church in the program of the Kingdom of God in all of its relations of life, the Brotherhood Board voted to join this movement, and urges our men's organizations, Brotherhoods, Men's Clubs and Bible Classes to have an active part in this "United Adult Movement."

OUR FINANCES

The Evangelical Brotherhood has three sources of income: 1) Annual dues: 2) Apportionment of Synodical Budget; 3) Gifts.—Our work has always greatly suffered for want of more field activity and publication of necessary educational, informational and promotional literature. Much needed service was left undone.

Furthermore our budget has been balanced only because Rev. H. L. Streich is also the Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Women's Union,

who share in half of his salary and our office expenses.

In view of the vital importance of men's work and the invaluable services the denominational organization renders the Church we heartily join with the Reformed Churchmen's League in the earnest and prayerful request that the General Synod make an annual allowance of, at least, \$5,000.00 for the work of the "Churchmen's Brotherhood."

We repeat our opening statement: "Without the active support of the men of the Church the Kingdom program will not be fully realized."

MERGER MOVEMENT

The Milwaukee Brotherhood convention in August, 1934, authorized the appointment of a Merger Commission and passed the following resolution pertaining to merger with the Reformed Churchmen's League:

"The Board of Directors of the Evangelical Brotherhood is herewith instructed to meet with the Executive Committee of the Reformed Churchmen's League at an early date, and is given authority to make such plans as will bring about a union of both organizations in accordance with the resolution of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod of North America."

The following Merger Commission was appointed: Brothers H. W. Schultheis; O. C. Grueninger; W. C. Hazlebeck; Dr. E. H. Hohman; President W. H. Witthaus; Rev. W. J. Hausmann, and Executive Secretary,

Rev. H. L. Streich.

The first meeting of the Merger Commissions of the Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League at Greensburg, Pa., May 14th, 1935, was a significant event and made for definite progress in the merging process of the two men's groups. The "Plan of Union" adopted there has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod, and the Executive Boards of both men's groups.

The following Committee on Constitution was appointed at the Greensburg meeting: H. W. Schultheis; Judge D. J. Snyder; Marshall Anspach, Jr., and the two Secretaries, Dr. J. M. G. Darms and Rev. H. L. Streich.

The Merger Commission meets at Ft. Wayne June 9th, 1936, to make final plans for the Merger to take place in Buffalo, N. Y., at time of the First National Convention of the "Churchmen's Brotherhood," August 18-20, 1936.

CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

The First National Convention of the "Churchmen's Brotherhood" of the Evangelical and Reformed Church is planned for August 18-20, 1936 at Buffalo, N. Y. The Federation of Evangelical and Reformed Brotherhoods of Buffalo is the host, and all the 32 Evangelical and Reformed churches of Greater Buffalo are cooperating. The local committee is looking for a large attendance.

On the first morning of this convention the Eleventh (and last) National Convention of the Evangelical Brotherhood will be held. In the afternoon the Merger of the Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League is to take place.

We would urge all men's organizations and churches to be represented at this great gathering of churchmen.

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

This year will be of unusual significance to our Evangelical Brotherhood. This year marks the 23rd year of its existence. Twenty-three years of loyal service to the Evangelical Synod and the Kingdom of God! It has been a tremendous blessing to thousands of men, calling them to great consecration and larger service in the Kingdom. The Evangelical Brotherhood thus has had a glorious history. It has stood by the Church devotedly and not without much Christian fruit and many achievements.

With the Merger Meeting at Buffalo in August, the Evangelical Brotherhood enters into a larger Brotherhood to the greater and united service to the Church and to the glory of God. May He richly bless this union.

This is, therefore, our last annual report as the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Brotherhood. We are grateful for the part we have had in the history and services of this significant and blessed organization of our beloved Synod of N. A.

May the "Churchmen's Brotherhood" grow and prosper and become increasingly the means of enlisting and organizing our men for the active service to Christ in the building of God's Kingdom on earth. These are our devoted prayers and sincere wishes.

We feel confident that as we pledge ourselves we can include all of our faithful Brotherhood men in loyal support to the purpose and objectives of our "Churchmen's Brotherhood!"

A WORD OF THANKS

In closing this our last report we wish to thank the pastors for their fine support and all the members and officers of our many Brotherhoods and Federations for their generous cooperation, also our Executive Secretary Rev H. L. Streich, and Office Secretary, Miss Lee Schumann, for their faithful and tireless services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That our men's organizations be urged to use the Monthly Program.
- 2. That all men's organizations be encouraged to affiliate with the new "Churchmen's Brotherhood" of our united Church.
- 3. That every Region be urged to hold, at least, one "Men's Congress" during 1936, to include all the men of all the churches of the Region.
- 4. That the holding of "Men's Retreats" be encouraged.
- 5. That men of all churches be urged to attend the First National Convention of the "Churchmen's Brotherhood" of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, at Buffalo, N. Y., August 18-20, 1936.
- That General Synod make an annual allowance of at least, \$5,000.00 for the work of the Churchmen's Brotherhood."

Respectfully submitted,

EVANGELICAL BROTHERHOOD BOARD

W. H. Witthaus, President, St. Louis, Mo.
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Rev. E. A. Piepenbrok, Indianapolis, Ind.
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Rev. H. L. Streich, Executive Secretary.

Financial Report of the Evangelical Brotherhood February 1, 1934 - February 1, 1936

Receipts:		
Balance, February 1, 1934		R1 117 05
Dues		, _,,
Sale of Literature	529.50	
Sponsors	243.00	
Evangelical Men	269.60	
Synodical Budget	3,630.00	
Emblems	243.30	
Convention	1,320.29	
Donations	271.90	
Student Support	149.20	
Undershepherd. Service	10.51	
Miscellaneous	44.40	
		8,633.90
		89,750.95
Disbursements:		
Auditing Books	10.00	
Surety Bonds	15.00	
Pension Board, Undershepherd Service		
Student Support	18.00	
Board Expenses	557.82	
Printing and Stationery	537.69	
Phone and Telegrams	129.50	
Evangelical Men	798.42	
Supplies and Literature	498.01	
Office Maintenance	384.00	
Postage and Express	528.40	
	4,078.50	
Convention	1,335.54	
Check Taxes and Bank Charges	20.12	
Miscellaneous	126.79	
		9,048.30
Balance Feb. 1, 1936		702.65

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. Streich, Financial Secretary Henry W. Schultheis, Treasurer

Audited and found correct, E. W. Hergesell, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE REFORMED CHURCHMEN'S LEAGUE

To the General Synod:

As we submit this report on the state of the League to your General Synod, we are moved with profound gratitude to God for His abundant favors and to the Church, her pastors and laymen, for increasing good will and cooperation.

Since the last report, submitted at Akron, Ohio, our League has grown 100% in the number of chapters and twice as much in the number of members. We now have 145 chapters in 13 States, a number of Classical Leagues, Synodical Committees in five Synods and Classical Committees in almost every Classis in the Church.

Our work is growing apace. The Secretary has travelled thousands of miles, addressed many groups of Evangelical and Reformed laymen at important gatherings, distributed 6000 copies of our monthly topics, which are quite generally used in our chapters, and given the major portion of his time to correspondence and promotion. One laymen's retreat has been held in Eastern Synod, with an attendance of 200 men. Many other advance steps are planned.

With the years, we should have available a large group of well-informed and competent laymen and a corps of efficient workers, whose assistance and coopertion should aid materially in making operative and successful our denominational program.

By way of attrition and influence, this circle will draw into it thousands of men, who today are still standing on the sidelines, more or less disinterested and mute to every appeal. Faith kindles faith, and the exemplification of loyalty produces loyalties.

The influence and impact of this growing group of informed and active laymen is being felt along many lines. Already this group furnishes consistorymen, superintendents, teachers, administrators, representatives on community and denominational Committees, and competent leaders in positions and activities of importance. Here are minute men, ready for all kinds of Christian service, more regular attendants at worship services, readers of our church papers, delegates at important conferences in the field of social welfare and more generous financial supporters of the denominational budgets.

But more than all of these contributions and services, as important as they are, is the spiritual growth and broadening vision of our men, whom we aim to have grow in Christian faith and manliness, in spiritual power and efficiency.

We now have a center of conference and contact with thousands of splendid men, with whom we can freely discuss denominational problems, the welfare and progress of the Church, and the support and expansion of Kingdom interests.

It is not difficult to see how through the League the attendance at worship will be increased and real help offered to our hard-working pastors, in undergirding their work, and to our Boards and institutions, in offering more substantial support and more helpful cooperation.

We have a further cheering and encouraging vision in the growing solidarity and coordination of our man-power, where men willingly assume greater responsibilities and obligations in the work of the Church and pledge themselves to larger financial support.

The merger of the two men's groups, the Reformed Churchmen's League and the Evangelical Brotherhood, is proceeding satisfactorily and in the finest spirit of amity. The union of the two churches is being strengthened through growing friendships, frequent fellowship and common activities of our men. All of this should fortify the Church and facilitate the great program, which your General Synod will present to the united Church.

Our League has the good counsel and continuous co-operation of our Executive Committee, which meets four times annually, at little or no expense to the League. These men have given much valuable time and thought to the establishment and promotion of the League, using sound and approved educational and organization principles and up-to-date methods in the prosecution of their work. They deserve the thanks of the Church for planning so wisely and building so well.

The weakest point in our work is that of financial support. Many splendid gifts of members of our Executive Committee, of interested laymen and pastors and of almost all the chapters, have not sufficed until now to meet the growing financial needs. Of late, some welcome and

appreciated help has been given by the Executive Committee of the General Synod, which enabled us to carry on. In other denominations, this important work is quite generally and generously supported from the denominational budget and proves one of the best investments. What the

Church does for the men will be repaid manifold.

We covet the earnest prayers, the continued good will and a larger financial support of our work on the part of your General Synod, in order to carry on our work already established and to launch out with increasing zeal for greater, church-wide promotion. We join with the Evangelical Brotherhood in making this appeal, for we can advance progressively only in the degree that our work is supported by the General Synod.

We respectfully petition your General Synod:

1. To approve of the work already done by the League, the steps taken for the merger of the Reformed Churchmen's League and the Evangelical Brotherhood into the *Churchmen's Brotherhood* and the enlarged plans

made for church-wide promotion.

2. Through the Synods and Classes to recommend to every church the organization of a chapter of the Churchmen's Brotherhood and to already existing men's groups, such as Men's Bible Classes, Men's Clubs and kindred organizations, their early affiliation with this, the one authorized organization for the promotion of Men's work in our Evangelical and Reformed Church.

3. To approve of the holding of a National Convention for men to be

held at Buffalo, N. Y., August 18-20, 1936.

4. To elect to membership on the Board of Directors of the Churchmen's Brotherhood the number of persons, which the Constitution of the Churchmen's Brotherhood, when adopted, requires, according to the recommendations to be submitted by the Merger Committee after its meeting on June 9th, at Fort Wayne, Ind.

5. To challenge the laymen of our Church to share more largely in the responsibilities of our denominational work and to give larger and more

liberal financial support to our Boards and institutions.

6. To contribute annually, beginning January, 1937, as petitioned jointly by the Reformed Churchmen's League and the Evangelical Brotherhood (see minutes of Brotherhood and petition of League) the sum of Five Thousand Dollars to the work of the Churchmen's Brotherhood (both groups), in monthly installments, paid to its accredited Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE REFORMED CHURCHMEN'S LEAGUE

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REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF GENERAL SYNOD

To the General Synod:

Along with the other missionary agencies of the church, the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod appreciates this opportunity to be included in the Blue Book and to report the faithful effort the organization has made during the past years to promote the program of the church.

On June 2, 1937, the organization will be able to look back upon a

period of fifty years in which it has been privileged to serve the interests of the church through the channels of its Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and Christian Education.

In reviewing the history of the Woman's Missionary Society, we can report no great miracles wrought, rather marked changes such as a steady growth of membership, interest in missionary work, activity in promoting the educational work of the organization, loyalty to the causes of the church and increased support to the challenges given. The Society has grown from an individual group of local women to a national group covering the entire area of the church.

In June, 1938, the organization expects to celebrate its fifty years of service at its Triennial Meeting to be held in Grace Church, Akron, Ohio, the church in which it was organized in the year 1887. To commemorate this great occasion, the society launched a five year program of advance during which four objectives were emphasized: Deepening our Spiritual Life, Enlarging Service, Strengthening our Organization, Sharing our Possessions. These have been promoted with great interest.

Since the last report made to your honorable body, the women have contributed very materially to the support of the work administered by the several boards. Of special mention is the cancelling of notes amounting to \$47,000 with the Board of Foreign Missions. This amount had been raised for the building of a hospital in China, but the Board of Foreign Missions had definitely decided not to erect new buildings in China. Another item of special interest was a gift for the assistance of Protestant refugees of Europe.

The program of support is a most inclusive one. Our major interests in the Foreign Field are Miyagi College, Evangelistic and Kindergarten work in Japan; the Ziemer Memorial, Chenteh, and Fuh Siang Girls' Schools and Central China Christian College, Nurses' and Hospital work, Evangelistic and Kindergarten work in China; and the Girls' School in Baghdad, Iraq. The foreign work is supported with a budget of approximately \$45,000 a year.

The major interests in the home land include the entire support of the Indian School at Neillsville, Wisconsin, and the salary of the worker at the Mission at Black River Falls; the support of the Bohemian work; Hungarian Deaconesses; the Harbor Missionary; Japanese work on the coast; and the giving of Building Funds to needy home mission churches. The home work, also, is supported with an approximate budget of \$45,000.

The Board of Christian Education is included in the Woman's Missionary Society budget, for we assist in the publishing of the missionary unit in the graded Sunday school lessons, temperance literature, and work among students.

The Woman's Missionary Society bears its full share of the support of missionary education as carried on through the Advisory Council.

The interest of the girls and women in the new fields of the merged church was shown by including in the projects for their Thank Offering, the work in the Ozark mountains and India.

Interdenominational work—home and foreign—has for years had a share of our interest and support.

The educational program of the three groups—women, girls and children—has been carried on very satisfactorily through instructive programs and the departments of Stewardship, Christian Citizenship, and Literature—the latter including the promoting of the Reading Course, awakening an interest in reading good Christian literature. Each book read counts one or two, and a very few, three units. Last triennium, the total number of units of reading acquired by the women and girls was 604,603. This will

give some idea of the number of books read and the numerous readers. The books recommended give valuable background to the thinking of our women, girls and children, and help them to become world-minded Christians. The reading of the Outlook of Missions and the church paper is also promoted.

The Secretary of the Commission on Merger of the women's organizations is reporting separately on the progress of the merging of the women's work.

The interest and loyalty of the women and girls of the church toward the Woman's Missionary Society is growing and has so expressed itself in its Life and In Memoriam Memberships, this year 172 names having been added to the roll. It is also manifested, yearly, in the systematic support given to the budget—last year \$117,620.59 were the disbursements for all purposes.

It is with new courage and hearts full of gratitude that we go forward planning work for the future, trusting in the Heavenly Father for guidance and direction.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. F. William Leich.

BIENNIAL REPORT OF EVANGELICAL WOMEN'S UNION

To the General Synod:

The Women's Union has again passed through two years of healthy and steady growth. It is with satisfaction and gratitude that we report the many new friendships made and closer cooperation developed between the two groups of our united church. Our merger is making decided progress and we are feeling our oneness more and more. This gives us joy and cause for thanksgiving.

FIFTEEN YEARS OLD

In looking over the history of our Women's Union which will be "Fifteen" in June, we, first of all, pause and give God the glory. His name be praised for the organization and growth with all the blessings the Union has been to our thousands of women, to our denomination and the Kingdom of God. We feel that God has called the Union into being "for such a time as this." Our all-inclusive program has enlisted the women in the whole program of the whole church, lifting them out of the narrow circles of service and limited Kingdom interests. As never before our women are having a real part in building a Christian world, with a more just social order.

OUR LARGE FAMILY

At present we have 1,622 societies compared with 1,543 in 1934, a considerable gain. The membership is approximately 80,000.

There are now 49 Federations, a gain of five—Western Michigan; Western Iowa; Waco, Texas; Portland, Oregon; and Washington, Wisconsin. Portland is of course a joint Federation of Evangelical and Reformed, so the Reformed Woman's Missionary Society has equal claim to it. The number of District Unions—11—remains the same. Colorado and Nebraska are still the only two Districts without a Federation.

FRUITS OF OUR LABORS

Here are some of the blessed results of our efforts	in which t	thousands
have had a part:	1934	1935
Societies Using Monthly Programs		950
Monthly Programs Ordered	33.750	40.000
Women's Union Libraries	62	59
Volumes	598	803
"Daily Talks with God" Sold	3,900	5,070
Number of Family Devotions	—	2,049
New Subscriptions for Church Papers	900	1,450
Sick Visits Made	19,576	27,245
Pieces of Literature Distributed	10,301	8,320
Societies Observing "Lenten Quiet Hour"		231
Attendance		6,649
Federations Observing Day of Prayer for Missions		412
Total Attendance	12 069	18 18,485
New Members of Mission Prayer Circle	146	422
Mission Study Classes	99	151
Attendance	872	1.934
Mission Institutes	13	6
Attendance	4.215	2,201
New Subscriptions for "Our Work	112	203
Societies Using Thank Offering	304	420
Societies Promoting Christian Citzenship	358	406
KINGDOM GIVING FOR THE YEAR		
A. To and Through the Women's Union: 1934		1935
1. Dues\$ 4,804.23	\$	4,386.35
2. Day of Prayer Offering 1,170.29		1,085.20
3. Katherine Goetsch Memorial 267.77		
4. Student Aid Fund 1,943.76		2,978.30
5. Thank-Offering 5,668.57		6,582.43
6. Sustaining Membership 91.00		752.00
Total\$ 13,845.61	\$	15,784.28
B. Special Projects of Fed. and Dis. Unions 4,036.07		14,986.18
C. Local Societies:		
1. To Local Church 128,178.30	159,932.84	
2. To Missions	9,407.95	
3. Special Gifts to Synod 3.432.82	5,441.89	
4. Synodical Recovery 865.01		
5. Benevolences—Institutions 9,997.82	12,634.67	
\$149,876.50	\$	186,517.35
Grand Total\$167,758.18	\$	217,287.81

REVIEWING OUR ANNUAL PROJECTS

- 1. Family Devotions. "The Home of today determines the future of America and the world" said Dr. Fosdick recently. Thus we put the introduction and cultivation of Family Devotions first in our efforts. A record of existing Family Altars is being made.
- 2. Lenten Quiet Hour. This program for the Lenten Season is growing in favor. It provides an opportunity for a quiet period of corporate meditation and prayer.

- 3. World Day of Prayer. With the women of other denominations we are observing this world-wide Day of Prayer.
- 4. Our Own Day of Prayer for Missions. We can no longer call it merely "Evangelical" since our Reformed Sisters have joined in this Day of Prayer for Missions on Ascension Day. We can call it Evangelical and Reformed Day of Prayer. It is one of our fastest growing projects.
- 5. Mission Study Classes and Reading Course. There is steady growth, again some of the Federations had union mission study classes. Interdenominational as well as denominational books are studied annually.
- 6. World Friendship Among Children. We stand ready to cooperate in this medium of cultivating international friendship.
- 7. Women's Union Student Aid Fund. This project has increased in interest and support. In 1933, the first year, \$880.61 was contributed; in 1934, \$1,943.76; in 1935, \$2,978.30. This means that both Eden Seminary and Elmhurst each has a rotating loan fund from this source of \$2,901.83.
- 8. Church Paper Week. The number of new readers won last year was 1450, about 275 societies participating. This makes a total of 7,144 subscriptions in the six years of our promotion of Church Paper Week. With a new joint paper—"THE MESSENGER," a larger paper for the same price, we should win more new subscribers than ever.
- 9. Benevolence Institutions. Again in the last two years our women gave liberally of substance, clothing, food and money to these institutions of love and charity. The existing social conditions make large demands on our department in every society, but an encouraging note of progress is current throughout the reports. National and World at Large.—We are thinking in terms of world neighborhoods. The term is endeavoring to distinguish the benevolences of the society in its churches and community circles, as over and against such benevolences as are being cared for through the Red Cross, Salvation Army and Warm Springs Foundation, Boy and Girl Scouts, Tuberculosis Society, Blind Associations, and many more. Special Projects—include gifts for Synodical Recovery, Bath House at Dunkirk School, Bus Fund for Hoyleton, Bensenville Banks, Emmaus, painting floors of Dorseyville Home, Our Homes for the Aged and Orphans and parties at Waverly Hill Schools.
- 10. Bible Institute and Meditation Days. Bible Institutes and Meditation Days were conducted by Cincinnati, Baltimore, Illiamo, Milwaukee, Brazos and Bloomington Federation, Detroit, Erie, Monee, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Burlington and Houston. Spiritual retreats are greatly needed in our western world of stress and haste. We therefore call upon more of our organizations to have a "closer walk with God" offered by these Meditation Days and Institutes. Our women are planning to take a great interest in the National Preaching Mission this fall.
- 11. Missionary Institutes were held in several of our city federations. Our aim is still to have a Missionary Institute in every city Federation. They present the missionary program in a vivid manner.
- 12. Group Meetings. These Group Meetings have become a definite institution in Missouri, South Illinois and West Missouri Districts. These all-day meetings are interesting and are training a large number of women.
- 13. Officers' Conferences or "Schools of Methods" are annually conducted in a large number of Federations. The subject of administration, parliamentary law, "Model meeting," Departments of work, duties of officers, the projects of the Women's Union and work of the Church are studied and thoroughly discussed.
- 14. Reading Course. In 1935 the Women's Union voted to join in the promotion of the Reading Course of the "R" Group. This was done

through our General Education Department. A great deal of interest has been aroused in this and no doubt many will be ready for their credits and rewards at the end of the year. Like all new projects, it will grow as years go on.

RALLIES AND CONVENTIONS

These monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual gatherings bring thousands of women together for information, fellowship and inspiration. They go back to their churches and homes better equipped for their tasks. These instructive meetings should not be reduced but properly utilized for information and training. Much literature is carried away from such gatherings. Headquarters is heavily drawn upon for programs, materials and speakers.

1935 AREA OFFICERS' CONFERENCES

Three large, well planned, three day Officers' Conferences were conducted in 1935 at Eden Seminary, Dunkirk and at Elmhurst College. This plan of three conferences instead of one proved much more satisfactory and reached many more people.

To give the outlying areas the benefits and blessing of such "Schools of Methods" Officers' Conferences were conducted in the Texas and New Orleans Federations, and with Federations on the Pacific Coast. All of these were greatly appreciated and will have lasting results.

MONTHLY PROGRAM

Our Monthly Program, now in its 15th year, is still our best informational and inspirational piece of literature. 36,000 English and 3,500 German copies are sold annually.

The Reference Packet is growing in favor. It is an aid to those presenting the topics.

THE THANK-OFFERING

The Thank-Offering shows a gain. Only God and those helped can tell the blessings these love gifts of thanksgiving are scattering in the homes of the "Old Veterans of the Cross" and their devoted wives and widows, among the deeply needy in the Ozarks and in the lives of men and women, and boys and girls of India and Honduras.

LITERATURE AND SUPPLIES

The sale of our literature increases annually. The Reading Packets in the Christian Stewardship and Christian Citizenship Department are being used widely with much success. Literature having the Joint Imprint of the Women's Union and the Woman's Missionary Society is appearing in increasing quantities. For the sake of economy much of our material has been mimeographed. There is a regular exchange of literature between the Woman's Missionary Society and the Women's Union, each carrying the literature created by the other so far as possible.

FIELD WORK

Our President, both secretaries and several Board members have again done a great deal of field work last year. At a wise suggestion from the "R" Group itineraries will be arranged for Mrs. Reichenbach among "R" groups and for Miss Kerschner among "E" groups. It will make for closer fellowship and needed acquaintance with each other's work.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL MISSION BOARDS

The Women's Union holds membership in the Woman's Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference and the Council of Women for Home Missions. Annually a representative is sent to the meetings of both of these organizations, where we have voice and vote. These organizations are being integrated with the Foreign Missions Conference and the Home Missions Council respectively, with a great deal of success, in particular in the latter group. The women's boards' representatives thus have voice and vote in the Foreign Missions Conference and the Home Missions Council.

Thus the women of our Union share in interdenominational work among the Indians, the foreigners, new Americans, the Migrant Worker, the seven oriental colleges for women, the creation of Christian literature in the Orient, together with an international and world-wide vision of the great effort to bring Christianity to the whole world.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Due to home duties and ill health two of the members of the Board of Directors, Mesdames Kate Fitzgerald Bickel and E. Buenemann, found it necessary to resign. The new members, Mesdames E. Goffeney and A. F. Kleykamp are welcomed to our family circle.

NEWS ITEMS IN CHURCH PAPERS

Our news items in both our church papers, Evangelical Herald and Friedensbote, have again been ably taken care of.

MADELINE ISLAND PARSONAGE

The cottage at Blue Springs made possible by the Women's Union Thank Offering is finished. We can also report erection of the parsonage on Madeline Is'and, also made possible by our Thank Offering. We are grateful for this. The amount furnished by the Thank Offering was not sufficient for all the cost of these buildings. This was provided for from the General Treasury of the Women's Union.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION COUNCIL

Last year the Board voted to accept the invitation to have a representative in the newly organized Joint Missionary Education Council of our united Church.

OUR FINANCES

While we have had to economize very carefully, the Women's Union has lived within its budget. Receipts from dues and Budget have been considerably less. We cannot say that our work has suffered severely, but the stringent economy has no doubt hampered our advance, which is nevertheless promising and evident.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

We are greatly encouraged with the number of sustaining memberships—Life Members and Members in Memoriam received the past year. There are now 15 Life Members and 17 Members in Memoriam and 29 Patrons.

CONVENTION ON CAUSE AND CURE OF WAR

A member of the Baltimore Federation represents the Women's Union at the Conventions on the Cause and Cure of War held in Washington annually. We do well to be represented, thus having a share in helping promote world peace.

PROGRESS OF MERGER

The first step toward the coming merger with the Reformed Women's Missionary Society was taken June 1934 in Cleveland when we were the guests of their Cabinet and cordially received and royally entertained. Those pleasant days of fine fellowship will not be forgotten. After we mutually became acquainted with one another and each other's work, a Committee on Merger was appointed on both sides. Our Committee consists of Mesdames R. Mernitz, E. Buenemann, Ida Pauley, H. Schuessler, A. Siegenthaler, E. Reichenbach and Rev. H. L. Streich.

The next step was the first meeting of these merger committees at Elmhurst, October 4th, 1934. Here the two committees were merged into the "Commission on Merger of the Women's Organizations of the Evangelical and Reformed Church." At this session the many issues and problems in a merger were considered and discussed.

Another step toward the merger was the second meeting of the joint Commission on Merger of the Women's Organizations at Elmhurst. At this time a "Basis of Union" was adopted and a suggested "Plan for the United Women's Organizations" drafted.

Briefly, we are happy to report that the Plan presents an organization which is to be an integral part of the whole church, and desires to become the official women's organization of the church.

This is being presented to Federations and District Unions this year for adoption and recommendation to the National Convention in May 1937.

Next, a Committee on Education of the "E" Group meets annually with the Commission on Education, "R" Group, to plan joint literature and correlation of the same. Through these efforts the topics for the Monthly Programs are the same in content, and the Christian Stewardship and Christian Citizenship Reading Packets are practically identical. The Day of Prayer for Missions program, and the Reading Course have become joint projects. The mission study books also are chosen by this joint committee.

The Board of Directors recommend that this body take the proper action on suggested changes in "A Constitution" as presented by the Commission on Merger through its secretary.

A sub-committee of the Commission is appointed to draft a set-up for the new organization, known at present as the "Women's Guild." This committee meets shortly after these sessions of the General Conference. No definite date for the Merger has been set.

OUR LARGER KINGDOM SERVICE

President Klick has expressed his thanks to the Women's Union for the loan of its Executive Secretary to the Synod for the promotion of "Our Larger Kingdom Service." For nearly four months he gave himself to this important task. During these months of service in the synodical Larger Kingdom interests our assistant secretary ably carried the load of the Women's Union.

OUR FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

By the grace of God we are privileged to celebrate the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Women's Union this year. The Women's Union was born June 30, 1921. Twenty-three practical and possible goals have been set up. They are a challenge to all of our organizations and members and will make for deeper spiritual living, larger devotion, wider Kingdom interests, greater expansion of activities and increased membership. An anniversary booklet, "Beginnings" has been prepared and distributed. A play-pageant "Unfolding Petals" has been written especially for this occasion and is being rendered by the local societies.

STEWARDSHIP ESSAY AND POSTER CONTEST

For several years the Reformed Church with others has conducted an annual "Stewardship Essay and Poster Contest" for all groups of the Church. This year this contest, by vote of the Executive Committee, becomes a project of the whole united Church. Thus the Women's Union is called upon to join in the promotion of this Stewardship Contest. A letter has gone to our organizations.

This Contest is directed by the newly created Committee on Stewardship of which your Christian Stewardship Chairman and your Executive Secretary are members.

NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION

Our next, sixth, National Convention is to be held in St. Louis next year, 1937. This convention will bring together a large concourse of Evangelical Women, from present indications at least 2000. The St. Louis Federation is making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of these delegates. This will be the most important convention in the sixteen years of Women's Union work—The women of the "E" Group will adopt the Plan of Union which makes them a part of the great concourse of women that are uniting for Larger Service in the United Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EVANGELICAL WOMEN'S UNION:

Mrs. R. Mernitz, President, Chicago Heights, Ill.,
Mrs. W. Goffeney, First Vice-President, South Bend, Ind.,
Mrs. A. F. Kleykamp, Second Vice-President, St. Louis, Mo.,
Mrs. E. Hauenstein, Third Vice-President, Buffalo, N. Y.,
Mrs. E. Duffy, Fourth Vice-President, Detroit, Mich.,
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Mrs. Emma J. Abele, Treasurer, Boonville, Mo.,
Mrs. G. Siegenthaler, Baltimore, Md.,
Appointed by
Rev. W. Krueger, Louisville, Ky.,
Rev. E. N. Krafft, Cleveland, Ohio,
Rev. H. L. Streich, Executive Secretary,
Mrs. Elsa Reichenbach, Assistant Executive Secretary.

Financial Statement, 1934-1935

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Tax on Checks	37,849.47
	65.63
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DISRUBSEMENTS

DISBURSEMENTS	
Salaries\$	6,542.65
Printing	3,230.61
Thank-offering	12,251.00
Day of Prayer	2,255.49
Contingent Fund	3,378.95
Supplies	622.91
Officers' Conference	867.85
Final Payment on Blue Springs Cottage	400.00
Katherine Goetsch Memorial	267.77
Board Meetings and Travel	1,670.77
Miscellaneous	99.81
Postage on Beginnings	150.00
Interdenominational Boards Council of Women, Home Missions	50.00
Indian Work	20.00
Migrant Work	30.00
John Milton Fund	20.00
Foreign Missions Conference	100.00
Tennessee Valley Project	10.00
Tax Debits	2.04
Gift of Note Plus Interest to Synod	2,080.00
Loan to Synod	2,000.00
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Total Disbursements\$	36,049.85
Total Receipts\$	37,783.84
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Outstanding Checks	84.60
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Balance Cash on Hand, February 1, 1936\$	1,649.39

COMMISSION ON MERGER OF THE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

The Commission on Merger of the Women's Organizations of the Evangelical and Reformed Church is composed of the following:

Representing the Evangelical Women's Union*—Mrs. Richard Mernitz, President; Rev. H. L. Streich, Executive Secretary; Mrs. Elsa Reichenbach, Assistant Executive Secretary; Mrs. E. H. Bueneman, Mrs. Ida Pauley, Mrs. Hugo Schuessler, Mrs. G. Siegenthaler.

Representing the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Reformed Church*—Mrs. F. William Leich, President; Miss Carrie M. Kerschner, Executive Secretary; Miss Ruth Heinmiller, Secretary of Girls' Missionary Guilds and Mission Bands; Mrs. L. L. Anewalt, Mrs. Paul J. Dundore, Mrs. Henry Gekeler, Miss Helen Nott.

At the first meeting of the Commission held October 4, 1934, the following were elected: Chairman, Mrs. R. Mernitz; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. F. William Leich; Secretary, Miss Carrie M. Kerschner.

Briefly stated, much progress has been made. The two national groups contemplating a merger have been organized for the following purposes: The E. W. U. organized "to unite all Evangelical women in a common fellowship, combined devotion and larger Kingdom service; instead of limiting the membership and types of activities, it includes all women's societies in the church and incorporates all branches of the denomination in

^{*}For the sake of brevity the following abbreviations will hereafter be used: Evangelical Women's Union—E. W. U.; Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod—W. M. S. G. S.

its program" and "considers every Society in the Evangelical Synod as a member of the union, whether they contribute dues or not";—the latter a field for "missionary work until they also participate in this larger service." "They are a corporate part of the Synod."

The purpose of the W. M. S. G. S. is to "aid in the advancement of the work of Christian Missions in home and foreign lands, with a view especially to the enlightenment and elevation of women to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It prosecutes its work through the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church," through a program of education and specialized giving. While specifically missionary the W. M. S. G. S. has broadened its program of education so that it covers all spheres of activity in the life of Christian womanhood.

Both national organizations are promoting their work through practically the same Departments: The E. W. U.—General Education, Devotional Life, Missionary Education, Christian Citizenship, Christian Stewardship, Social Welfare; the W. M. S. G. S.—Literature, Stewardship, Thank Offering, Life Members and Members in Memoriam, Christian Citizenship, Girls' Missionary Guild, Mission Band, Organization and Membership, Thus, with the exception of work among girls and the children, the same areas of activity are covered through the various departments which differ slightly in nomenclature.

A Basis for Union has been drawn up, was voted upon by the "R" group in Triennial Convention in June, 1935, and is being presented to the Classical Woman's Missionary Societies for approval this spring. The E. W. U. is presenting it to its Federations and District Unions this year and to the National Convention in May, 1937.

The Commission on Merger voted that the new organization for women in the merged Church shall be an integral part of the Church; that it shall "formulate an all-inclusive program of education and service for the women's organizations of the Church; that until the adoption of a constitution and by-laws, the two groups and their subordinate bodies shall continue to function as at present." (The E. W. U. will celebrate its fifteenth anniversary in June, 1936; the W. M. S. G. S. will be fifty years old in June, 1937, and will celebrate its 50th anniversary at its Triennial Convention in June, 1938:) The exact date of merger of the two groups has not yet been determined.

An important action of the Commission was an overture to the Board of Christian Education of the merged Church. In brief, it reads as follows "... overtures the Board of Christian Education of the merged Church to provide one missionary unit on the work of our Church each year for the Beginners, Primary and Junior Departments of the Church School and to supply adequate missionary supplementary material for the children in the International Uniform lesson helps." It also recommended to the same Board "that as part of the Christian Education program the children's departments of the Church Schools take over a portion of the missionary budget of the Church."

The following joint projects are being carried out: Speakers' Bureau, denominational Day of Prayer on Ascension Day, Christian Citizenship and Stewardship Reading Packets, Reading Course, topics for monthly program meetings as nearly similar as possible and developed to meet the needs of organizations in both groups, the publication of some literature bearing a joint imprint, two members of the E. W. U. on the Educational Commission of the W. M. S. G. S. and representation of the President and Executive Secretary of the R. group at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the E. W. U., and of the President and Assistant Executive Secretary of the E. W. U. at the annual meeting of the Cabinet of the W. M. S. G. S.

Both national groups are cooperating in promoting acquaintance with

each other's work as well as creating a spirit of Christian fellowship among the members. Last fall Miss Carrie M. Kerschner visited many local societies and Federations of the Evangelical Church in the Middle West, Pacific Coast and Southern States. Mrs. Elsa Reichenbach will make a

similar visit in the Reformed Church in the East this fall.

The last meeting of the Commission on Merger was held in February, 1936, at which time "A Constitution for the Evangelical and Reformed Church" was carefully studied. Various changes and clarifications were requested of the Committee on Constitution; among these was the overture to omit the second paragraph in Article II, The Woman's Guild, p. 44, and the request to substitute for it the following: "It shall be administered by a Board of Directors the number and election of which shall be defined by and in the constitution of the national Women's Guild." The Commission favored the name, The Women's Guild for the new organization in the merged Church.

A committee with equal representation of the E. W. U. and W. M. S. G. S. has been appointed to "discuss plans for the formation of a set-up for the new women's organization in the merged church" and will meet

in connection with the sessions of General Synod.

Carrie M. Kerschner, Secretary, Commission on Merger.

The foregoing reports to the General Synod of the Evangelical Brotherhood, the Reformed Churchmen's League, the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod, the Evangelical Women's Union and of the Commission on Merger of the Women's Organizations of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, together with designated items from the Committee on Overtures, etc., were referred to the Committee on Auxiliary Organizations. The Committee made report on Wednesday afternoon through its Chairman, Rev. H. A. I. Benner. The report was considered and action taken seriatim.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 of the original report was stricken out.

Items 2 to 7, renumbered, were adopted. The report was then adopted as a whole, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee notes with great satisfaction the noteworthy action of the Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League in leading the way in their prompt response to the request of our first General Synod held at Cleveland, Ohio, in June, 1934, "that boards and other agencies of the united Church enter into merger negotiations as soon as possible."

Merger Committees were appointed as follows: Evangelical—Mr. O. C. Grueninger, Rev. W. J. Hausmann, Mr. W. C. Hazlebeck, Dr. E. H. Hohman, Mr. W. H. Schultheis, Rev. H. L. Streich, Mr. W. H. Witthaus; Reformed—Mr. Marshall Anspach, Jr., Rev. Chas. Freeman, Mr. E. S. Fretz, Mr. H. C. Knecht, Dr. Wm. E. Lampe, Judge D. J. Snyder, Mr. L. P. Teel, Mr. J. I.

Truxal, Dr. J. M. G. Darms, Mr. Edw. Hartman.

These Merger Committees met at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, May 14, 1935, and united into a Commission on Merger of the Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League, electing Mr. E. S. Fretz as chairman, Mr. W. H. Witthaus, vice-chairman and Rev. H. L. Streich, secretary.

The following Plan of Union was drafted:

I. Preamble:

We, the authorized representatives of the Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League, sincerely believing that the strength inherent in each of these two authorized bodies can be conserved, developed and applied in concerted Christian action by a better understanding of our common task and a more intimate fellowship, hereby resolve to unite into one body and effect an organization to be known as the Churchmen's Brotherhood of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

II. Purpose:

The purpose of this organization shall be to coordinate the men-power in our churches through study, fellowship and service for the cultivation of the Christian life, and the support and success of the whole program of the Church in the local congregation, the community, denomination and the world at large.

III. Relation to Denomination:

The Churchmen's Brotherhood shall be the official men's organization of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and an integral part of that body, amenable to the General Synod.

IV. Membership:

The membership of the denominational Churchmen's Brotherhood shall consist of:

A. Federations of chapters of Churchmen's Brotherhood.

- B. Chapters of Churchmen's Brotherhood within individual Evangelical and Reformed Churches without the boundary of a Federation of Churchmen's Brotherhoods.
- C. Individual members of churches having no men's organizations. All members shall be approved by the Churchmen's Brotherhood, and in the cases of A and B shall be recognized by a charter, and in the case

of C, by a card.

V. Administration:

The Churchmen's Brotherhood shall be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of eleven members, three active pastors and eight laymen, elected as follows:

Two pastors and two laymen, elected by the General Synod.

Five laymen elected by the National Convention, one from each of the proposed geographical denominational areas.

One pastor and one layman from the Church-at-large, elected by the other nine members of the Board of Directors.

Advisory members from the Church-at-large, both ministers and laymen, may be appointed from time to time by the Board of Directors, as they see fit.

VI. Officers:

The officers of the Churchmen's Brotherhood shall consist of a President, three vice-presidents, a recording secretary and a treasurer, elected by the National Convention. These officers are five of the eleven members of the Board of Directors. They also shall be the officers of the Board of Directors.

VII. Executive Committee:

An executive committee, consisting of three members of the Board of Directors (one of whom shall be the President), and the Executive Secretaries, shall be appointed by the Board and shall transact such business as needs attention between board meetings.

VIII. Executive Secretaries:

The Executive Secretary or secretaries shall be elected by the Board of Directors at an annual salary fixed by the Board, paid monthly. They shall continue in service as long as their service is satisfactory and helpful to the work. In case of resignation three months' notice shall be given.

IX. Finances:

This organization shall be financed from four sources:

- 1. An allowance from the denominational budget.
- Dues (25c per member per year) or voluntary contributions from chapters.
- 3. Contributions from individuals or organizations.
- 4. Legacies and endowments.

X. Convention:

A National Convention shall be held bi-annually at a time and place fixed by the Board of Directors.

The following shall be the delegates:

- 1. The president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.
- 2. The members of the Board of Directors.
- 3. The Executive Secretaries.
- 4. One member from every chapter.
- 5. The presidents and secretaries of district and local federations.

XI. Approval of Plan of Union:

The Plan of Union shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Brotherhood, the Executive Committee of the Reformed Churchmen's League and the Executive Committee of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

XII. Merger Meeting:

After the proper authorities have approved the Plan of Union, the commission on merger of the men's organization of the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall call and arrange a meeting of the Evangelical Brotherhood of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Churchmen's League of the Reformed Church in the United States for the purpose of consummating the merger of these two men's organizations.

At this merger meeting a constitution based on the Plan of Union, drafted by the commission on merger of the men's organizations of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and approved by the proper authorities of the present two men's organizations, shall be presented for adoption; permanent officers shall be elected and such other business transacted as necessary to consummate the union.

XIII. Representation at Merger Meeting:

The official members of the merger meeting shall be selected on the same basis as now obtains in selecting representatives to the National Conventions of the Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League. All members of the commission on merger shall also be official members of the merger meeting with the right of voice and vote.

XIV. Termination of Present Organization:

Prior to the merger meeting and at the same place separate meetings of the Evangelical Brotherhood and Reformed Churchmen's League shall be held to determine the termination of these organizations.

XV. Present Status:

Until the merger shall have been consummated the Evangelical Brother-hood and the Reformed Churchmen's League shall continue to function in accordance with their present constitution.

- 1. On the basis of this Plan of Union, which has been approved by the Evangelical Brotherhood, the Reformed Churchmen's League and the Executive Committee of the General Synod, your committee hereby recommends that the General Synod approve the merger of the Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League under the name of the "Churchmen's Brotherhood," which is planned to take place at the first National Convention of the Churchmen's Brotherhood to be held in Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, at Buffalo, New York, August 18-20, 1936.
- 2. Your Committee, to whom was referred an overture from Sheboygan and Milwaukee Classes, begs leave to express its recognition of the invaluable service rendered by the Society of Andrew and Philip, which is still functioning actively and doing splendid work in these and other Classes.
- 3. Inasmuch as the men's work in our united Church is now being unified through merger and affiliation of former organizations, your Committee would recommend that the General Synod extend to these existing Societies of Andrew and Philip and similar men's organizations a cordial invitation to associate themselves with the Churchmen's Brotherhood under any agreement mutually satisfactory, feeling that such common endeavor in a spirit of Christian cooperation will greatly advance the interest of the Kingdom of God.

4. In conformity with this recommendation, your Committee notes with pleasure that at a meeting of the Commission on Merger of the Evangelical Brotherhood and Reformed Churchmen's League it was voted:

"That the Brotherhoods of Andrew and Philip be granted the same status at the First Convention of the Churchmen's Brotherhood at Buffalo, New York, August 18-20, 1936, as that of Churchmen's League, that is, each Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip is granted two official delegates with voice and vote."

5. Your Committee notes the steps already taken by the Evangelical Women's Union and the Woman's Missionary Society looking toward the merger of these two important organizations under the name of "The

Women's Guild" of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

6. Deeply appreciative of the generous contribution of means and self-sacrificing service made by these organization in the past and of the truly indispensable place they hold in the work of the Church, your Committee recommends that the General Synod approve the preliminary actions of both organizations in the proposed merger and the Basis for Union, which was voted upon by the "R" group in Triennial Convention in June, 1935, and is being presented to Classical Woman's Missionary Societies of the "R" group and to the Federation and District Unions of the "E" group this year and is to be presented to the National Convention in May, 1937.

7. Your Committee is moved to express to the General Synod and, through the General Synod, to the Church at large its appreciation of the efficient management of the business of the two merging organizations as disclosed in their financial statements, of their significant contribution to the various causes, functions and institutions of he Church and of their wholesome influence in the enrichment of the whole life of its members, through their widely distributed activities.

Respectfully submitted.

H. A. I. Benner, Chairman, W. R. Weaver, Secretary Henry Stuessy, Wm. J. Buelow, Paul Langhorst, C. T. Roeck, Russell D. Custer, H. W. Goebel, J. C. Bierbaum.

Synod rose to greet and was happily addressed by the President, Mrs. F. Wm. Leich in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Society of the "R" Group and by Mrs. Richard Mernitz, President of the Evangelical Women's Union. Mrs. Mernitz spoke also of the progress which is being made through the Commission on Merging the Women's Organizations of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Dr. Goebel, after heartily commending the work of the women of the Church, presented the President of the Churchmen's League, Elder E. S. Fretz, who spoke on the purpose and program of the Churchmen's Brotherhood. Chairman Benner spoke briefly of the earlier Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, vigorous and active almost half a century ago in the Heidelberg Church, Philadelphia. Rev. H. L. Streich followed with an earnest challenge to the men to enlist in the great program of the Church. Miss Carrie Kerschner, the Executive Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, expressed her faith in the unfolding future for increasingly successful co-operative work among the lay-membership of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

11. Endowment and Trust Funds

REPORT OF BOARD FOR ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS (Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

In making our Annual Report we would like to preface the brief resume of our work by a word of Holy Scripture, 2 Cor. 8: 20, 21. "Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered to us: Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of God, but also in the sight of men."

Another year of hardship has passed and we as a Church have again felt the financial burden in more than one way. The Church with its various departments must needs feel the full pressure of the present economic depression. Your Board has felt that more than any other department in the Church. In fact we are bearing the burden of the entire Church, inasmuch as we have been handling the Endowment and Trust Funds of the Synod. The principal as well as the interest payments have been smaller than in former years. Interest rates had to be reduced in quite a number of instances in order to safeguard our investments. In spite of the fact that we exercised the greatest care in all of our business dealings, we are obliged to record actual losses, written off, amounting to \$5,509.18. These losses represent adjustments on Home Loans and foreclosure proceedings in place of defaulted mortgages. In round figures, these losses amount to approximately \$4.22 on each \$1,000 invested. Your Board feels that such losses could not be avoided in order to save our capital investments. We are grateful, however, that our losses were comparatively small considering the total amounts invested.

The financial report of our Treasurer, Mr. Albert Schoch, will show the present status of our funds. These figures are submitted to you for careful study and consideration. It has been our conscientious aim to carry our mortgages as long as is consistent with good business practices, so as to give owners every opportunity to retain their properties, and not foreclose, except as a last resort. In quite a number of cases, however, it was impossible to protect our investments in any other way.

In submitting our report we are looking forward to the day, not far distant, when we shall be in a position to realize on our investments and convert them into cash, without any further financial sacrifices.

Respectfully submitted by the Board members,

Rev. A. W. Fruechte, Chairman Rev. Paul Irion, Secretary Mr. Albert Schoch, Treasurer Mr. William Andressohn, Trustee Mr. William Koerbs, Trustee

I respectfully submit herewith my report as Treasurer of the Board for Endowments and Trust Funds, for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1936, as follows:

1000, 465 10110 1121	Income and				
P	rincipal	E	expense		Total
Balance February 1, 1935\$	13,364.53	\$	2,100.32	\$	15,464.85
RECEI	PTS				
Eden Theological Seminary, Cash	3,958.35				3,958.35
Eden Theological Seminary, Bonds	1,033.00				1,033.00
Elmhurst College	2,500.00				2,500.00
Pension and Relief Board	600.00				600.00
C. and M. Tempel Endowment	648.92				648.92
Received a/c principal	43,326.93				43,326.93
Accrued interest received	88.47				88.47
Taxes and Ins. advanced, repaid	854.39				854.39
Refund on mortgages under forecl.	86.26				86.26
Refund Taxes and Insurance	95.53				95.53
Profit on securities	215.00				215.00
Interest on mortgages	220.00		45,365.37		45,365.37
Rent on properties			13,085.71		13,085.71
Rent on properties					
Totals\$	66,771.38	\$	60,551.40	\$	127,322.78
DISBURS					
New investments made\$	48,592.37	\$		\$	48,592.37
Foreclosure costs:					
Court Costs, Atty. Fees, etc	722.70				722.70
Tax redemptions on foreclosures	1.985.12				1,985.12
Masters' fees	287.57				287.57
Fire insurance premiums	209.60				209.60
Repairs by receiver	130.87				130.87
Recording fee	3.00				3.00
Costs Deeded Property:					
Quit claim deeds	3,200.00				3,200.00
Atty. fees and expense	480.00				480.00
Premiums on insurance	591.65				591.65
Title Guar, policies	124.40				124.40
Redemption of tax and special	121.10				
assessments	4,322,42				4.322.42
Release fees and revenue stamps	54.10				54.10
Improvements and repairs	5,205.99				5,205.99
Miscellaneous:	0,200.00				
Taxes and insurance advanced	432.07				432.07
Accrued interest paid	138.13				138.13
Interest paid on funds	100.10		48,729.30		48,729.30
			2,155.88		2.155.88
Taxes paid on properties			661.71		661.71
Fire insurance premiums Repairs, cleaning and decorating,			001.11		302.12
			5,738.86		5,738.86
coal, janitor, supplies, etc			0,100.00		0,,,,,,,

		Inc	ome and		
	Principal		kpense		Total
Administration expenses:					
Treasurer's salary Traveling expense, car fare, tele	e-		1,500.00		1,500.00
phone, etc., of trustees			97.72		97.72
Rental of safe deposit boxes			121.00		121.00
Auditing			135.00		135.00
Bonds of board members			125.00		125.00
Stationery and supplies			17.10		17.10
Postage and registry fees			47.73		47.73
Exchange, collection fees, etc			31.33		31.33
Totals	.\$66,479.99	\$	59,360.63	\$	125,840.62
Balance January 31, 1936	.\$ 291.39	\$	1,190.77	\$	1,482.16
GENER	AL FUNDS				
Total funds February 1, 1935		\$1	1,296,909.94	4	
New Funds Received:					
Eden Seminary Elmhurst College Pension and Relief Board C. and M. Tempel Endowment	2,500.	00			
Total new funds		\$	8,740.27	7	
Total Loss of capital during year		\$1	1,305,650.21	1	
			0,000.10	•	
Net amount of funds January 33		_		-	,300,141.03
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Transferred to deeded property\$48,217.55		
Transferred to mortgages in force 952.50		
Paid by H. O. L. C 5,775.00		
Loss on foreclosed mortgages 2,185.66 Refunds on foreclosures 104.34		
Total\$	57,235.05	
Balance January 31, 1935	\$	149,079.91
Property Deeded to Board:		
Balance February 1, 1935\$	142,952.32	
Transferred from mortgages in force	28,401.39	
Transferred from foreclosures	48,217.55	
Added costs, improvements, attorney fees,	9,564.31	
court costs, insurance, taxes, etc	3,304.31	
Total\$	229,135.57	
Less refund on taxes and insurance	95.53	
Balance January 31, 1936	\$	229,040.04
	and the	220,010.02
Home Owners Loan Bonds:	2 200 00	
Balance February 1, 1935\$	3,800.00 $11,350.00$	A Para C
Received in payment of mortgages in force Received in payment of mortgages under forcel.	5,775.00	
Total\$ Sold for cash\$ 8,000.00 Exchanged for mortgage6,000.00	20,925.00	
Total\$	14,000.00	
Balance January 31, 1936	\$	6,925.00
Accrued Interest:		
Balance February 1, 1935\$	53.47	
Accrued interest paid by us	138.13	
	101.60	
Total\$ Accrued interest repaid to us	88.47	
Accrued interest repaid to ds		
Balance January 31, 1936	\$	103.13
Taxes and Insurance Advanced:		
Balance February 1, 1935\$	1,058.04	
Paid in cash	372.77 695.06	
Charged through journal	095.00	
Total\$	2,125.87	
Repaid in cash\$ 854.39		
Credited by journal 647.42		
Total	1,501.81	
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Balance January 31, 1936	\$	624.06

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Mortgages in force				.\$ 914,077.50
Mortgages under foreclosur	e, plus cost	s		. 149,079.91
Property deeded to us, plus	costs	• • • • • • • • • • •		. 229,040.04
Home Owners Loan Bonds				6 925 00
Accrued interest due us				103 13
Due us account taxes and in	nsurance ad	vanced		624.06
Total				
Total Cash in bank, capital accou	nt		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	.\$1,299,849.64
Total January 31, 1936				.\$1,300,141.03
INTERES	T PAID TO V	ARIOUS BOA	ARDS	
Board of Religious Education	on			.\$ 54.52
Church Extension Board		the first serious to		193 42
Eden Theological Seminary				6,080.38
Elmhurst College				3,736.81
Evangelical Home for Child	ren and Age	d Rengen	villa	174.66
Foreign Missions	on and Ago	d, Densen	viiie	1 900 00
Home Missions	•••••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		1,806.60
Immigrant and Seamen's Mi	agion	• • • • • • • • • •		. 1,084.24
Board of Pension and Police	£	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • •	. 294.86
Board of Pension and Relie	iniatoma	• • • • • • • • •		. 33,251.55
Home for Superannuated M	inisters	• • • • • • • • • •		. 58.28
Synodical Treasury	• • • • • • • • • • •			. 1,345.06
C. and M. Tempel Endowme	nt	• • • • • • • • • •		. 648.92
Total	•••••		······	.\$ 48,729.30
A	NALYSIS OF	FUNDS		
	Balance	1935	Less share	Balance
Name	Feb. 1, 1935	Additions		Feb. 1, 1936
Board Relig. Education\$	1,454.14	\$	\$ 6.14	\$ 1,448.00
Extension Fund Board	5,157.78		21.74	5,136.04
Eden Seminary:				-,
Endowment Fund	136,532.27	4.991.35	597.10	140,926.52
Chair Relig. Ed'n	16,438.50	1,001.00	69.35	16,369.15
Eden Library	600.00		2.50	597.50
Student Support	3,932.26		16.60	3,915.66
Oakwood Scholarship	426.35		1.80	424.55
O. Dielmann Scholarship	2,500.00		10.55	
Elmhurst College:	2,500.00		10.55	2,489.45
Endowment Fund	84,979.74		358.64	84,621.10
L. Altenbrenner Mem	2,200.00	- 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1	9.27	
Brodt Memorial	1,235.00			2,190.73
H. Goetz Scholarship			5.20	1,229.80
Elmhurst Scholarship	5,000.00		21.10	4,978.90
O. Dielmann Scholarship	650.00		2.75	647.25
	2,500.00		10.55	2,489.45
C. Stockton Scholarship	2,500.00		10.55	2,489.45
Mr. & Mrs. J. Baur, Sr.,		0.000		
Scholarship Evangelical Home for Chil-		2,500.00	10.55	2,489.45
dren and Aged	4,657.78	4 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1	19.63	4,638.15
Foreign Missions	48,176.07		203.27	47,972.80
Home Missions	28,913.18		122.00	
Immigrant and Seamen's	20,310.10		122.00	28,791.18
Mission	7,862.93		33.17	7,829.76
Bd. of Pension & Relief	886,708.21	600.00	3,744.15	883,564.06

		Balance Feb. 1, 1935	2000	Less share of Losses	Balance Feb. 1, 1936
TTO	me Superan. Ministers	1.553.83		6.55	1,547.28
	nodical Treasury			151.30	35,716.80
C. &	M. Temple Endowment	/-	648.92	74.72	17,638.00

Totals\$1,296,909.94 \$8,740.27 \$5,509.18 \$1,300,141.03 Respectfully submitted,

Albert Schoch, Treasurer.

The foregoing report of the Board for Endowment and Trust Funds of the Evangelical Synod was referred to the Committee on Endowment and Trust Funds. This Committee reported on Wednesday morning through its Chairman, Rev. H. H. Wintermeyer. The report was adopted as a whole and reads as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

WHEREAS, the report of the Board on Endowment and Trust Funds shows an exceptionally small percentage of losses throughout the depression years

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Synod heartily commend said Board for its careful and sound policy in investing the funds of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE:

H. H. Wintermeyer,
T. H. Leinbach,
V. J. Tingler,
E. J. Fleer,
J. O. Reagle,
F. C. Baumann,
Arthur Hoefer,
John F. Royer,
W. A. Fuzy,
Wm. Krummel, Secretary

12. Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance

REPORT OF THE MUTUAL FIRE AND STORM INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

(Affiliated with the Evangelical and Reformed Church)

To the General Synod:

We are standing at the threshold of a New Year, and as we review the progress of our Association during the past year, we stand with bowed heads and say how gracious the Almighty God has been to us during the last 365 days. He has saved our church from a catastrophe and as we go into the New Year let a prayer be on our lips that God might protect us again during the year 1936.

So as we review the progress of our Association during the year 1935, another year of the most demoralizing economic depression our country has ever known, it is most gratifying to take notice of the fact that today Mutual Insurance is stronger and better than when it was begun almost

200 years ago; this also applies to our Association as we show a gain in insurance in force for fire and lightning, but a slight loss for storm and hail. Our financial condition also shows a gain of \$19,695.75. This should prove to our constituency that they have the best insurance they can buy.

The new policy form is finding favor more and more and it is gratifying to know that some of the churches who had withdrawn from our Association are again placing their insurance with us because the new

form is in line with that of other companies.

During the last ten years or more requests have come to the Board of Directors to extend our insurance to cover the property of individual church members. This has now come to pass and we are prepared to write this class of insurance. The last General Conference held at Cincinnati, Ohio, concurred in the plan and approved the writing of insurance for our members. These policies will be written for a term of five years with the premium payable annually. The rates are equally as attractive as the rates on churches in our Association and will afford quite a saving to the members. The annual payment plan does not call for any carrying charge and the members should therefore avail themselves of the opportunity of securing their insurance in their own Association.

During the past year we inaugurated a new practice of paying losses within a few days after the Proofs were received instead of waiting for the monthly Board meeting. This practice is finding favor with our folks and is bearing fruit as it is doing a piece of advertising for us which money

cannot buy.

There is a continuous and ever increasing sentiment in the minds of the public for mutual insurance as is shown by the marvelous growth of mutual insurance during the past years. This sentiment has also shown itself among the pastors and congregations of our Synod, and in order to continue to secure and hold this confidence we shall be motivated by a desire to render a genuine service.

The auditor's report will reveal to you the financial condition of our Association and will embrace the work done from December 31, 1934 to December 31, 1935.

Respectfully submitted,

Mutual Fire and Storm Ins. Assn., F. W. Rasche, Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Charles H. Krueger, F. W. Rasche. G. C. Duttweiler, A. J. Klein, Oscar Berges.

Surplus in Possession of Treasurer, January 1, 1935 . Additions:	\$	67,790.28
Interested Collected\$	3,281.39	
Entrance Fees Collected	3,403.36	
Assessments Collected	23,123.06	
Defunct Bank Dividends Recovered	5,268.62	
Trust Certificate Dividends	480.90	
		35,557.33
	\$1	103,347.61
Deductions:		
Losses Paid During Year\$	11,004.12	
Other Expenses	4,857.46	
		15,861.58
Balance at Reginning of 1936		97 496 09

Represented as Follows:		
Tronggurer's Rank Balance	11,386.03	
Certificate of Deposit First Nat'l. Bank	10,000.00	
Mortgage Loan—Louisa County Farm	17,100.00	
Mortgage Loan—Burlington Hotel Co	16,000.00	
	25,000.00	
Loans—Evangencar Synou Loans—Eden Cemetery Association	8.000.00	
Loans—Eden Cemetery Association	\$	87.486.03

The above report of the Mutual Fire and Storm Association was referred to the Committee on that subject. This Committee reported on Wednesday morning through Rev. J. H. Overbeck, Chairman, and the recommendation of the Committee was adopted as follows:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Inasmuch as the privilege of insuring property of individual members has always been incorporated in the policies of the Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association of the Evangelical Synod of North America, although never practiced by this association, be it resolved that this right be and hereby is extended to include all members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Overbeck,
Wm. G. Weiss,
Victor H. Jones,
Theo. A. Thomas,
M. Schoenhaar,
John C. Horning,
Albert C. Dittman,
A. H. Steinbeck,
Chris Nuss, Jr.,
Chas. Byron Frederick.

13. Nominations

A recommendation of the Executive Committee, made on Thursday morning, that the present officers of the General Synod serve until the close of these sessions and that the election of officers to serve afterward be held on Tuesday, June 16th, was adopted. For the nominations and election of these officers, see Article II on Organization.

A recommendation of the Executive Committee made on Saturday morning, with reference to the new Executive Committee, was forthwith referred to the Committee on Nominations, viz: That the membership of this Committee consist of the President, First Vice-president and Treasurer of the General Synod; Drs. Paul Press and John Lentz, Chairmen respectively of the Committees on Promotion of the former "E" and "R" Groups; together with 8 pastors and 8 laymen.

On Saturday afternoon, shortly before adjournment, the General Synod paused in its deliberations to respond to a request from the Committee on Nominations for a list of the vacancies in its various agencies for which nominations should be made prior to the general election on Tuesday. It voted on Wednesday morning that the name of Dr. Louis W. Goebel be included among the nominations for delegates to represent the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

On Monday morning in answer to an inquiry of the Nominating Committee, General Synod voted to reiterate its action taken at Cleveland, Ohio in 1934, Minutes, page 170, with reference to the election of members on Boards, as follows:

RESOLVED: That the membership of the Boards or Commissions of the two Churches that have united, representing the cause of Ministerial Relief, of Home Missions, of Foreign Missions, of Christian Education, of Publication, and other benevolent activities, shall be continued and shall constitute the Boards and Commissions of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church until the next meeting of the General Synod.

The Committee on Nominations presented its report as the Order of the Day, on Monday afternoon, through Dr. Edward O. Keen. Rev. F. A. Meusch requested privilege to have his name withdrawn from the office of Associate Stated Clerk. The request was reluctantly granted and the vacancy referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The final report as adopted by the General Synod here follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Nominations, in accordance with the instructions received, reports as follows:

President—Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Richards
First Vice-President—Rev. Dr. L. W. Goebel
Second Vice-President—Judge D. J. Snyder
Third Vice-President—Mr. J. C. Fischer
Stated Clerk—Rev. Dr. J. Rauch Stein
Associate Stated Clerk—Rev. Robert C. Stanger
Treasurer—Mr. F. A. Keck
Associate Treasurer—Mr. Milton Warner

Executive Committee

President of Synod—First Vice-President—Treasurer Rev. Dr. Paul Press—Rev. Dr. John Lentz

EIGHT PASTORS TO BE ELECTED
(4 "E" Group—4 "R" Group)

"E" Group Nominees	"R" Group Nominees
F. C. Klick, St. Louis, Mo. R. C. Kuebler, Indianapolis, Ind. F. A. Meusch, New Albany, Ind. J. P. Meyer, St. Louis, Mo. F. L. Rodenbeck, Lincoln, Neb. H. J. Schick, Chicago, Ill. W. H. Schlinkmann, Milwaukee, Wis. Paul M. Schroeder, Rochester, N. Y.	Melvin C. Beck, Canton, O. H. J. Christman, St. Louis, Mo. Paul R. Pontius, Lehighton, Pa. J. O. Reagle, Mount Bethel, Pa. F. H. Rupnow, Ft. Wayne, Ind. J. Hamilton Smith, Pottstown, Pa. C. J. Snyder, Mulberry, Ind. K. J. Stuebbe, Tripp, S. Dak.
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EIGHT LAYMEN TO BE ELECTED (4 "E" Group—4 "R" Group)

"E" Group Nominees

S. G. Becker, Denver, Colo. Wm. R. Brown, Rochester, N. Y. J. C. Fischer, Evansville, Ind. Jacob Haller, Cleveland, Ohio Ed. Martini, Duluth, Minn. J. W. Mueller, St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Ida Pauley, St. Louis, Mo. Fred Rapp, Columbia, Ill.

"R" Group Nominees
Chas. S. Adams, Esterly, Pa.
Chas. Frederick, Canton, O.
Frank Guenther, Sheboygan, Wis.
Fred Kissler, Louisville, Ky.
Mrs. F. W. Leich, St. Louis, Mo.
J. Frank Meyer, Washington, D. C.
Judge D. J. Snyder, Greensburg, Pa.

Judicial Commission

MINISTERS

Paul S. Leinbach Karl Ernst E. G. Homrighausen Richard Rettig J. Otto Reller Henry Niefer A. B. Gaebe LAYMEN

C. E. Zimmermann, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Chas. A. Weiser Samuel E. Basehore Chas. R. Wilke Louis C. Brandt

Delegates to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

TWELVE TO BE ELECTED

(6 of "R" Group-6 of "E" Group)

"R" Group

Dr. H. J. Christman Dr. Josiah Friedli Dr. Edgar F. Hoffmeier

Dr. Elmer G. Homrighausen Dr. Henry Nevin Kerst

Dr. Paul S. Leinbach Dr. Jacob C. Leonard Dr. Geo. W. Richards Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer "E" Group

Rev. D. Baltzer
Dr. John L. Ernst
J. C. Fischer
Dr. J. H. Horstmann
Dr. F. C. Klick
Mr. J. W. Mueller
Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr
Dr. Samuel D. Press
Rev. Paul M. Schroeder

Dr. L. W. Goebel

Board of Directors of the Churchmen's Brotherhood

Rev. E. A. Piepenbrok Mr. Marshall R. Anspach Rev. Charles F. Freeman Dr. E. H. Hohman

Place of Meeting of the General Synod in 1938

St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, Columbus, Ohio Zion's Reformed Church, York, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Schlinkmann, Edward O. Keen, R. Kuebler, C. P. Wehr, Otto A. Muecke, Rudolph W. Blemker, Robert Mohr, K. J. Ernst, H. L. Krause, F. H. Ruynow, Barnabas Dienes, Thos. R. Marshall, Theodore Merten, Paul Langhorst
Dr. E. H. Hohman,
O. C. Grucninger,
J. J. DeRoo,
Walter F. Meck,
J. Albert Beam
William Barz
Samuel E. Basehore,
Arthur J. Kleinjan,
Leonard Fisher,
Fred C. Stange,
S. D. Becker,
E. J. H. Werle.

14. Report of the Committee on Book of Worship

Dr. George W. Richards, Chairman, made report on Tuesday afternoon. It was forthwith adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOOK OF WORSHIP

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Executive Committee was authorized by the General Synod of 1934 to appoint a committee on book of worship. Pursuant to this action, a sub-committee of three was appointed to inquire what the mind of the Church was in regard to this matter, and, if the Church appeared to be favorable to the preparation of a book of worship, to submit the names of persons who might be appointed on a committee to prepare the same.

After the sub-committee reported, the following persons were selected to be members of the Committee on Book of Worship: Rev. George W. Richards, D.D., Convener, Rev. Charles E. Creitz, D.D., Rev. Purd E. Deitz, Rev. F. Frankenfeld, LL.D., Rev. H. H. Lohans, Rev. H. C. Nott, D.D., Rev. Paul R. Pontius, D.D., Rev. George L. Scherger, Ph.D., Rev. H. J. Schick, S.T.D., Rev. Robert C. Stanger, Rev. Scott R. Wagner, D.D., Rev. Scott F. Brenner, Rev. H. Richard Niebuhr, Ph.D.

The Committee held its first meeting in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., February 19, 1936. Seven members were present. George W. Richards was elected Chairman, H. J. Schick, Vice-Chairman, Paul R. Pontius, Secretary. Communications from individuals and a representative of a commission were received. These referred to the content of the new book of worship. The Committee invites individuals or groups of individuals to submit suggestions in reference to the form or the material of the new liturgy. These will be given due consideration.

The aim of the Committee is to prepare a book of worship in which recognition is given to the liturgical forms of the Church universal, of the Evangelical Synod of North America, and of the Reformed Church in the United States. At the same time it is the judgment of the Committee that a book of worship must be true to Christ and the Scriptures, to the traditions of the church for which it is prepared, to the spirit of the church at present, to the needs of the age in which we live, and to liturgical art.

Forms for the different seasons of the church year, such as Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Trinity, are to be prepared. The first consideration, however, will be given to the form for the morning service on the Lord's Day and to the form for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

It is the purpose of the Committee to meet from time to time, and to coöperate, with the Committee on New Hymnal. The Committee feels that this is a work that must be done with deliberation rather than with despatch. The time required will be at least four years.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Richards, Chairman.

HYMNAL 291

15. Report of the Committee on New Hymnal

This Committee made report on Tuesday afternoon through Dr. J. P. Meyer, Chairman. The report was adopted and the Committee continued with instruction to submit a tentative Hymnal to the General Synod in 1938. The adopted report is as follows:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your committee on New Hymnal has had one meeting, at Philadelphia, Pa., during the month of February of this year. Its personnel is as follows: for the "R" group—Dr. Henry I. Stahr, Dr. W. Sherman Kerschner, the Rev. Edw. O. Butkofsky, and Mr. Richard Appel; for the "E" group—the Rev. Erwin R. Koch, the Rev. Armin Haeussler, Mrs. Theodore Mayer, and the undersigned.

The committee organized with J. P. Meyer as chairman and W. Sherman Kerschner as secretary. The first meeting was in session for two full days and two complete evenings.

The initial work consisted in selecting such hymns which are common to both hymnals and which in the opinion of the committee should be retained in the new hymnal; then the selection of such hymns which are represented in both hymns under different tunes, and the retention of those most desirable; then the careful assignment of specific tasks preparatory to subsequent meetings, taking cognizance of structure, textual and musical content, and adequacy of worship helps.

Particular attention will be given to the inclusion of the best chorals which perhaps better than any other type of church hymn express the genius of our church.

Special attention will be given to liturgical responses and worship helps as well as orders of worship.

Two emphases stood out prominently: the hymns in the new book must represent the best in point of text and singable melodies that can be obtained, and there must be included a generous number of hymns that express the spirit of an age which is becoming increasingly sensitive to the applied meaning of righteousness and justice in all social relationships, and of love and brotherhood as the genius of Christian forces everywhere to win men for the kingdom and to conquer the world for Christ; and further, that the new hymnal must be more than a book of hymns, it must be a book of worship for the congregation and the man in the pew.

The committee invites suggestions of widest range and welcomes original compositions for consideration. The response has already been generous.

The second meeting of the committee is planned for some time after the first of next month.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Meyer, Chairman, Richard G. Appel,
A. Haeussler,
Erwin R. Koch,
Edw. O. Butkofsky,
W. Sherman Kerschner,
Mrs. T. Mayer,
Henry I. Stahr.

16. Historical Organizations

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Reformed)

To the General Synod:

We herewith submit the Report of the Historical Society of the Reformed Church in the United States. In the course of years, a great deal of rare and valuable historical material has found its way into the archives of the Society. Many new accessions have been made in the past triennium, increasing the value of the collection to the student of eighteenth and nineteenth century American Church history.

Hitherto, the Theological Seminary has given over to the Society a section of the Library Building for our use. In the plans that have been drawn for a new library building on the campus of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., the architect has been instructed to include a large room and a fire-proof vault, for the proper preservation of the material gathered by the Society.

We appreciate the interest taken by the members of the General Synod in the work of the Society and invite your continued cooperation in our effort to gather, preserve and make accessible the valuable historical material relating more particularly to the development of the Reformed

Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. J. Klein, President.

THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION (Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

We desire to raise the question of how the work entrusted to the Historical Commission might best be continued in the united church.

Since the Reformed Church has a Historical Society with its center at Lancaster Seminary, it might prove desirable that both this body and the Historical Commission at Eden Seminary continue each in its accustomed way to assemble and preserve materials pertaining to the historical development of the respective branches. It should be pointed out that the Historical Society of the Reformed Church has been able to operate on its own funds whereas the Historical Commission has been subsidized by the Synod.

On the other hand, certain additional interests such as the publication of historical materials, etc., and the wider preservation of historical values might better be pursued by a single historical institute. Under this central direction a Reformed and an Evangelical branch, with corresponding archives at Lancaster and at Eden, might continue to function as hitherto.

Although it may not be necessary to establish this status by constitutional enactment, it might be well for the General Synod to provide that in some way the work begun and pursued by the Historical Commission of the Evangelical Synod be continued and adequately provided for under the auspices of the united church.

Respectfully submitted,

The Historical Commission Carl E. Schneider, Chairman.

The foregoing reports of the Historical Society and of the Historical Commission were referred to the General Synod through the "Blue Book." The General Synod referred the request of the Historical Commission to the Executive Committee.

17. On Leave of Absence

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence and Excuses, reports that it has attended to the duties assigned to it. The list of excuses was handed to the proper authority.

Respectfully submitted.

Elmer G. Leinbach, F. A. Churchill, D. A. Jensen, Robert Kofer.

The foregoing report was presented by the Chairman, Rev. Elmer G. Leinbach, shortly before adjournment and forthwith adopted.

18. On Resolutions

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Second Biennial Sessions of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church held in St. John's Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 10 to 17, 1936, have added to the unity and harmony of our united Church. These sessions will always be remembered in the history of our Evangelical and Reformed Church. The delegates, freely, without prejudice or selfishness, thoroughly discussed and then adopted the new Constitution. All party differences faded out, and we are assured that the two former churches are thoroughly united.

The leadership of President Richards and Vice-President Goebel, and the high spiritual ground taken in their sermons inspired and enthused all the delegates. The presence and guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ, the great head of the Church, was continually felt. At the close of these momentous sessions we would offer the following resolutions:

- 1. That we express our sincere appreciation to St. John's Congregation for the cordial hospitality accorded the highest judicatory of our Church. We thank the pastor-loci, Dr. F. H. Rupnow for his leadership in taking care of us while with his people. We also highly appreciated the beautiful Communion Service celebrated under his guidance. We, especially, appreciated the words of greeting spoken by Mr. Chris G. Hessert and Judge Wm. H. Schannen, both active members of the host church. Very many members of the church served us, and we thank them all. We would ask the pastor-loci to express the thanks of Synod to all the other churches of our denomination of Fort Wayne and vicinity for their gracious help to Synod. We would also thank the pastor and people of Plymouth Congregational Church for the use of their church. Also, the local press for their fair publicity. In fact, we wish to express the thanks of Synod to all who assisted in any way to make our stay comfortable, and thus helped us to serve our church most effectively. We appreciated the splendid music furnished by various individuals and organizations.
- 2. That General Synod express appreciation to all the officers of Synod, and to the officers of the former two churches, for their efficiency in arranging for the meeting of this Synod.
- 3. The stenographers who typed and duplicated our Committee Reports made it easy to follow the work of Synod and also will make it possible for delegates to report intelligently to the lower judicatories as soon as they get back to their homes. The other stenographers also assisted us very much. We appreciate their efficiency and willingness. As a matter of information, the traveling expenses of these stenographers will be taken care of by the two former churches. In future meetings of General Synod,

the Synod should underwrite expenses incurred in the employment of these stenographers.

- 4. That we extend to the Hotel Keenan our appreciation for the hospitality extended to the officers and committees of Synod. Also to the Magna Vox Co. for furnishing amplification without cost.
- 5. We recommend that the Treasurer of General Synod be instructed to pay to the treasurer of St. John's Congregation the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) to help them to defray expenses necessarily incurred by them to entertain this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Pierce E. Swope, Edwin F. Mayer, Otto B. Moor, S. G. Becker, F. C. Rinker.

The foregoing report was read by the Chairman, Rev. Pierce E. Swope, and adopted.

ARTICLE IX. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO COOPERATIVE AGENCIES OF THE CHURCH

1. Of the Delegates to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

To the General Synod:

The Federal Council meets biennially. At its last meeting in Dayton, Ohio, in December, 1934, the Rev. Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis was elected as President and Dr. George W. Richards as Vice-President. In the interim between the biennial meetings the Executive Committee meets regularly every two months.

The membership representing the Reformed Church is as follows:

Dr. George W. Richards Dr. Paul S. Leinbach Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer Dr. Henry Nevin Kerst Dr. Henry J. Christman Dr. Charles E. Miller

On the Executive Committee besides Dr. George W. Richards are Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer and Dr. Paul S. Leinbach, with Dr. Henry J. Christman and Dr. H. Nevin Kerst as alternates.

The membership representing the Evangelical Synod is as follows:

J. C. Fischer Dr. F. C. Klick Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr Dr. Samuel D. Press John W. Mueller Dr. Paul Press

and on the Executive Committee:

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr Dr. Samuel D. Press

The next biennial meeting of the Council will be held at Asbury Park, N. J., in December, 1936.

The organization of the Council into Departments, Commissions and Committees and the fields of Christian service in which these operate are fully set forth in the reports and other literature of the Council itself so that no detailed statement of the same need be made in this connection. The Council has proven itself an indispensable factor in the life of American Protestantism.

The Evangelical and Reformed Church should now be listed as one constituent body of the Council.

Provision should be made for the annual appropriation which in the case of the Reformed Church heretofore was \$3,000 and that of the Evangelical Synod \$1,800.

Provision should also be made for proper representation of the united Church on both the Council itself and on its Executive Committee. We are entitled to twelve members in the Council and to four on the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Schaeffer Samuel D. Press.

Prior to the consideration of the foregoing report, President Richards invited Dr. Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Mo., President of the Federal Council, to address the General Synod. It rose to greet Dr. Holt and heard with great interest his ringing challenge to a cooperative Protestantism.

The report was finally adopted on Wednesday afternoon with the proviso that our members on the Executive Committee of the Federal Council be elected by our delegates to the said Council.

2. Of the Representative to the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the World Holding the Presbyterian System

President Richards, on Friday afternoon, welcomed Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, President-emeritus of the Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Stevenson briefly addressed the General Synod on the present program of the Alliance, brought to it the greetings of this historic cooperative agency of the Protestant Church and invited increasing interest in its activities.

REPORT ON THE ALLIANCE OF THE REFORMED CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HOLDING THE PRESBYTERIAN SYSTEM

To the General Synod:

The Alliance of the Reformed Churches Throughout the World Holding the Presbyterian System is divided into two sections, the Eastern comprising the Churches in Great Britain, Europe, and the Western comprising the Churches in the United States and Canada. The General Council meets every four years. The last meeting, the 14th, was held at Belfast, Ireland, in 1933 at which Dr. George W. Richards presided. His successor in office is Professor W. A. Curtis of Edinburgh, Scotland. The General Secretary is Rev. W. H. Hamilton, Edinburgh, Scotland. The American Secretary is Rev. William B. Pugh of Philadelphia, Pa.

The Western Section meets every two years with a meeting of the Executive Committee in the intervening year. The last meeting of the Western Section was held in Richmond, Va., February 12 and 13, 1935, at which Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer presided. The present Chairman is Dr. Charles S. Cleland of Philadelphia.

The Section concerns itself chiefly with the following matters: Ministerial Relief and Service Pension, Christian Education, Presbyterian and Reformed Church History and Theology, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and work on the Continent of Europe.

The amount appropriated for the work of the Alliance by the Reformed Church in the United States is \$600.00 annually, which has been regularly paid by Treasurer Milton Warner through the office of the Stated Clerk, Dr. J. Rauch Stein.

The Evangelical Synod of North America was not a constituent body of the Alliance. Now that a union has been effected, the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church should take action in reference to its relation to the Alliance.

The delegates representing the Reformed Church were as follows:

FOR A TERM OF TWELVE YEARS-1926-1938

Mr. W. W. Anspach, Milton, Pa. Rev. H. J. Christman, 721 Fairview Avenue, Webster Groves, Mo. Emory L. Coblentz, Esq., Middletown, Md.

FOR A TERM OF NINE YEARS-1926-1935

Rev. Elmer L. Coblentz, 435 Douglas St., Reading, Pa. Rev. Charles E. Creitz, 611 Walnut St., Reading, Pa. Rev. J. M. G. Darms, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa.

FOR A TERM OF TWELVE YEARS-1932-1944

Prof. Howard R. Omwake, Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C. Prof. Edwin M. Hartman, Lancaster, Pa. Rev. George W. Richards, W. James St., Lancaster, Pa. Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa.

FOR A TERM OF TWELVE YEARS-1929-1941

Rev. F. W. Leich, 203 Bompart Ave., Webster Groves, Mo. Rev. C. E. Miller, Tiffin, Ohio. Mr. Harry E. Paisley, 1928 N. 6th St., Philadelphia, Pa. President George L. Omwake, Collegeville, Pa.

The General Synod will now have to make provision for proper representation. This body, on the basis of 621,626 members, is entitled to 28 delegates, either ministerial or lay.

The quadrennial meeting of the General Council of the Alliance will be held in Montreal, Canada, in 1937, the exact date to be determined by the Western Section.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Schaeffer,
Specially Appointed Representative.

The foregoing report was adopted on Wednesday afternoon with the instruction that our representatives ask for admission into the Alliance.

3. On the World Conference on Faith and Order and the Meeting of the Universal Christian Council on Life and Work

For the reports and actions taken on these agencies, both of which are scheduled to meet in 1937, see the Report of the Executive Committee of the General Synod.

4. Of the Representative (Reformed) to the National Lord's Day Alliance

Dr. Urban C. Gutelius made report as follows: To the General Synod:

The forty-seventh anniversary of the Alliance was celebrated in Elizabeth, N. J., and in New York City, on December 8 and 9, last. On Sunday there were appropriate services and sermons, morning, afternoon and evening in a Presbyterian Church, a Baptist Church and an Episcopalian Church. The annual business meeting was held in New York City on Monday morning and afternoon. Reports were received from thirteen auxiliary and affiliated societies in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Tennessee, Arkansas, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, the Rocky Mountain District and California. All these reports were encouraging and optimistic.

In his annual report the general secretary, Rev. Harry L. Bowlby, D.D., described the activities of the Alliance during the past year under three general heads: Educational, Organizational and Legislative. Under the last he referred in particular to the Sunday motion picture and theater issues and to the liquor and rest day issues. In dealing with these issues the Alliance sometimes failed and sometimes succeeded. In his annual message the president of the Alliance, Rev. John H. Willey, D.D., pleaded for a puissant church, for a program of partnership, for a wider vision and for a church that recognizes its full mission and commission. The Committee on Resolutions presented a report full of hope and confidence as to the future work and success of the Alliance.

Unquestionably the Alliance seems to be "a going concern" despite much opposition and inadequate support. Your representative recommends the appointment of some one who will in the future represent not only the Reformed group but the whole merged Evangelical and Reformed denomination. He also suggests that if the general secretary of the National Alliance visits the General Synod he be given an opportunity to present the claims of this necessary and important institution.

Respectfully submitted,

Urban C. Gutelius, Representative.

On Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Harry L. Bowlby, the Secretary of the Alliance, addressed the Synod on its present goals and program. For the action taken on the General Synod's relation to the Alliance, see Report of the Committee on Overtures.

5. Of the Representative (Reformed) on the Counselling Commission of the Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Wm. F. Kosman made report as follows: To the General Synod:

No meeting of the Counselling Commission of the Y. M. C. A. has been held since the last meeting of the General Synod. I have received no communications from the Y. M. C. A. regarding present plans. It would seem, therefore, that the projects previously launched by this Commission are at a standstill.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Kosman.

The Counselling Commission having been discontinued, the General Synod designated no Commissioner for further service.

6. Of the Representative to the American Bible Society

Dr. Henry J. Christman made report as follows:

To the General Synod:

Two years ago the Evangelical Synod was represented in the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society by Dr. F. A. Goetsch and the General Synod of the Reformed Church by the undersigned. One year ago it was felt that one of us should be in attendance at the annual meeting of this Advisory Council and Dr. Goetsch attended. This year Dr. Goetsch was abroad and the undersigned was not able to attend. By the appointment of the President of the General Synod, Dr. Titus A. Alspach of Lancaster, Pa., attended. Dr. Alspach reports:

"The Advisory Council of the American Bible Society convened in New York last November. The Council was constituted by delegates from the various Protestant denominations in the country.

"The scope of the work of the Society cannot be adequately understood by reading so brief a statement as this. By sitting in council one is impressed with the magnitude of the work. The Bible is the center of interest. It holds the key position in making contacts in missionary enterprises; it is the most important factor in stabilizing the language of a people because it is usually the first written document on the field. This last year especially, the Bible received recognition in every land under the sun, it being the 400th anniversary. Today the Bible is being distributed in 954 languages and dialects, in 40 different countries. In the process of translation, scholarly standards are maintained.

"During the last several years, the Society did a most worthy service in producing Bibles for the blind. This item alone should challenge financial support from any group.

"It is apparent that the work of the Society is purely missionary in character. No profit is derived from the sale of the books. There is no other missionary enterprise that yields such a big harvest in so short a time as the distribution of the Scriptures. The Bible finds its way into fields where no missionary has ever entered. Last year the Society handled over a million dollars in this work. One is impressed with the most rigid economy that is observed. However, like other benevolent operations, the Society suffers from restricted income due to economic conditions.

"Our Church should count it a privilege to participate in this work of the Society. In previous years, our appropriations have been quite modest. Our support this year should surely not be any less than in former years, but we should make a venture of faith and this year augment the appropriation. It is earnestly hoped that this will be done."

It is hereby recommended that the General Synod appoint a representative for the coming biennium and that provision be made for proper support of the American Bible Society in its vital work in Kingdom Extension.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry J. Christman.

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Dr. George William Brown, Secretary of the Society, addressed the General Synod on Tuesday afternoon, inviting the continued support of the Evangelical and Reformed Church for the circulation of the scriptures to every land and tongue. The records of Treasurer Warner showed that the Society had received remittances from the "R" group during the calendar year, 1935, amounting to \$1,655.03.

7. Anti-Saloon League and Other Temperance Agencies

The present practical ideals and program of this organization were ably set forth on Tuesday afternoon in a brief address by Dr. David L. McBride.

ARTICLE X. REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION

The following report was made by Dr. Paul S. Leinbach, Chairman, on Thursday morning and forthwith adopted with commendable unanimity.

To the General Synod:

No request having been made to adjudicate any dispute throughout the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Commission had no work assigned to it. Therefore, it was not necessary or advisable to call a meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul S. Leinbach, Chairman.

ARTICLE XI. ELECTIONS

- 1. The Order of the Day on Tuesday, June 16 at 11:20 was Elections. On motion the Rev. F. A. Meusch, the Associate Stated Clerk, was authorized to cast the ballot of the General Synod for the candidates nominated to serve as its officers.
- 2. At the opening of the Tuesday afternoon session, Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld expressed the grateful appreciation of the General Synod for the devoted and efficient services which the President, Vice-presidents and other officers of the General Synod have continuously rendered.

The General Synod, by a rising vote, pledged continuous confidence and support to its officers. To these expressions of loyalty and love President Richards and Vice-president Goebel responded with impressive pathos.

- 3. Dr. J. Rauch Stein, Stated Clerk, was authorized to cast the ballot of the General Synod for the specially designated members of the Executive Committee previously nominated.
- 4. The Stated Clerk was also authorized to cast the ballot of the General Synod for the single set of nominees to serve on the *Judicial Committee*.
- 5. The election for delegates to serve in the Federal Council of Churches was held on Wednesday morning following the reading and

adoption of the Minutes. The General Synod voted that the 6 nominees in each group receiving the highest number of votes should be the Delegates primarii and the others the Delegates secundi.

- 6. The General Synod voted that no additional delegates to the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System need be elected at this meeting.
- 7. The General Synod authorized the election of four members of the Board of Directors of the Churchmen's Brotherhood to serve for two years, with a single set of nominees. For their election the Stated Clerk was instructed to cast the General Synod's ballot.
- 8. At the time set for the General Election, ballots were distributed and later collected. The ballot was then declared closed and the Committee on Elections retired to count the votes. In order to complete the election of the eight pastors and eight laymen to serve on the Executive Committee, three successive ballots were cast; the second at 4:30 p. m., Tuesday; the third at the Tuesday evening session; thus successively eliminating the nominees having the lowest number of votes from the ballot.

The Committee on Elections reported the final result of the elections on Wednesday morning. It is as follows:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Elections begs leave to make report as follows:

President-Rev. Dr. George W. Richards First Vice-President-Rev. Dr. L. W. Goebel Second Vice-President, Judge D. J. Snyder Third Vice-President-Mr. J. C. Fischer Stated Clerk-Rev. Dr J. Rauch Stein Associate Stated Clerk-Rev. Robert C. Stanger Treasurer-Mr. F. A. Keck Associate Treasurer-Mr. Milton Warner

Executive Committee

President of Synod-First Vice-President-Treasurer Rev. Dr. Paul Press-Rev. Dr. John Lentz

EIGHT PASTORS

((17))	Group

"R" Group

F. C. Klick, St. Louis, Mo. F. A. Meusch, New Albany Ind. F. L. Rodenbeck, Lincoln, Neb. Paul M. Schroeder, Rochester, N. Y. K. J. Stuebbe, Tripp, S. Dak.

Melvin C. Beck, Canton, O. H. J. Christman, St. Louis, Mo. F. H. Rupnow, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

EIGHT LAYMEN

"E" Group

"R" Group

Wm. R. Brown, Rochester, N. Y. J. C. Fischer, Evansville, Ind. J. W. Mueller, St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Ida Pauley, St. Louis, Mo.

Chas. S. Adams, Esterly, Pa. Chas. Frederick, Canton, O. Mrs. F. W. Leich, St. Louis, Mo. Judge D. J. Snyder, Greensburg, Pa.

Judicial Commission

MINISTERS

LAYMEN

Paul S. Leinbach Karl Ernst E. G. Homrighausen Richard Rettig J. Otto Reller Henry Niefer A. B. Gaebe Chas. A. Weiser Samuel E. Basehore Chas. R. Wilke Louis C. Brandt

Delegates to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

"R" GROUP

"E" GROUP

Dr. H. J. Christman Dr. Henry Nevin Kerst Dr. Paul S. Leinbach Dr. George W. Richards Dr. Elmer G. Homrighausen Dr. J. H. Horstmann Dr. F. C. Klick Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr Dr Samuel D. Press Dr. Paul M. Schroeder

Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer

Dr. L. W. Goebel

Board of Directors of the Churchmen's Brotherhood

Rev. E. A. Piepenbrok Mr. Marshall R. Anspach Rev. Charles F. Freeman Dr. E. H. Hohman

Place of Meeting of 1938 Synod

St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Schmidt,
I. O. Schell,
Arthur P. Schnatz,
George J. Low,
A. E. Binder,
K. J. Stuebbe,
J. C. Wetzel,
A. J. Mollman,
L. D. Weber,
Harry Brindle, Esq.

ARTICLE XII. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Revised Program and Schedule.—Following the adoption of the Constitution, the General Synod voted to take up the Committee Reports in the order listed in the Program.

The Chair Occupied by the Vice-Presidents.—At intervals during the sessions of the General Synod, its Vice-Presidents, Dr. Louis W. Goebel, Judge D. J. Snyder and Mr. J. C. Fischer presided over the deliberations.

Message of Welcome from the City.—On Thursday afternoon Dr. Rupnow presented Judge William H. Schannen who addressed the General Synod in a cordial message of welcome in behalf of Fort Wayne. President Richards thereupon called on the General Synod's

second Vice-president, Judge D. J. Snyder, to make reply which he did with becoming grace and good humor.

Addresses by Representative Women of the Church.—In the consideration and action on Section 25 of the Constitution, as presented to the General Synod, President Richards invited Mrs. Richard Mernitz for the "E" Group and Mrs. F. Wm. Leich for the "R" Group to address the General Synod on the desired relation of the Women's organizations in the Evangelical and Reformed Church to the General Synod, which they did with sincerity and grace.

Devotional Services.—For the nurture of the spirit, a quiet and impressive devotional service was provided at 11:40 a. m., beginning with Friday and continuing daily until the adjournment of the General Synod. Revs. Purd E. Deitz, Frederick W. Schroeder, Karl J. Ernst, Ph.D., Fred. C. Schweinfurth and Aaron M. Gluck, D.D., were in charge of these services on the successive days for which they were listed in the General Synod's program.

Mimeographed Reports and Resolutions.—The General Synod repeatedly called attention to its request that all reports of Committees and important resolutions be handed to Secretary H. P. Vieth that they may be mimeographed and copies be in the hands of the delegates at the time they are before the General Synod for consideration.

Special Devotions.—Synod was led in prayer at the opening and closing of the daily sessions by the following brethren: Revs. Marsby J. Roth, D.D., Carl F. Heyl, D.D., Charles Enders, Timothy Lehmann, D.D., Walter W. Rowe, D.D., Otto C. Menke, Samuel Press, D.D., Paul Grosshuesch, D.D., Frederick Frankenfeld, LL.D., Paul Press, D.D., Ivan Lee Holt, Ph.D., John Lentz, D.D., Theodore Schmale, Scott Wagner, D.D., H. L. Streich.

National Convention on Christian Education.—The following communication was received and approved at the close of the Wednesday afternoon session.

To the General Synod:

In view of the fact that the Board of Christian Education had cleared the right to arrange for a great National Convention in June, 1937, with the Committee on Correlation and Promotion and the Executive Committee of the General Synod, and arrangements must be made speedily if the desired result is to be secured; and in view of the further fact that objection has been raised to the holding of this Convention in June, 1937, because of another Convention to be held in May, the following ask for a meeting of the Committee on Correlation and Promotion at the close of the afternoon session, so that the plans for this Convention may proceed.

Respectfully submitted.

Paul S. Leinbach, Paul Press, J. J. Braun, C. E. Schaeffer, Eugene L. McLean, Timothy Lehmann, F. A. Goetsch, John Lentz. The General Synod was earnestly addressed with reference to the aims of the National Convention on Christian Education by the Rev. Alfred Nevin Sayers on Wednesday afternoon.

The Special Committee on the Central Publishing House, which was appointed by President Richards, shortly after the meeting of the General Synod, is constituted as follows: Revs. Edwin Mayer, E. E. Leibner, Theodore Haefele, F. C. Klick, T. W. Hoernemann, David Grether, Henry C. Nott, Paul S. Leinbach, Henry I. Stahr, Paul J. Dundore; Laymen John W. Mueller and F. A. Keck.

ARTICLE XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Rev. Edward O. Keen, D.D., roll clerk, after the opening of each daily session and at the close of the final session of the General Synod, announced the presence of a quorum, constituted as follows:

	"I	E" GROUP		
Session	Ministers	Districts	$Lay ext{-}Delegates$	Districts
1st	50	19	40	18
2nd		21	56	20
3rd		21	41	21
4th		21	35	21
5th	10	21	52	21
6th		21	40	21
7th		21	28	21
Final Roll		?	16	?
	"	R" GROUP		
Session	Ministers	Classes	Elders	Classes

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Session	Ministers	Classes	Elders	Classes
1st		40	41	29
2nd		42	53	28
3rd		46	51	37
4th		46	51	37
5th		46	61	37
6th		46	47	37
7th		46	44	37
Final Roll		46	37	29

The Minutes were read and approved at the opening of each session and preceding the adjournment of the General Synod. The several sessions of the General Synod were opened and closed with religious services.

There were 146 ministers and 126 elders and lay-members who registered their presence during the sessions,—a total of 272 accredited delegates, representing 53 of the 56 Classes and all of the 21 Districts. There were also present 145 visiting pastors, elders and representatives

of Church Boards and Institutions and 22 women interested in the work of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, exclusive of the women of the local Church of whose presence no numerical record was preserved. The total summary of recorded attendance was 439. From the former Evangelical Synod, 120 delegates were present out of an enrollment of 125. For the former Reformed Church, 152 delegates were present out of an enrollment of 169.

Closing words of appreciation, confidence and good-will were spoken by President Richards and Vice-president Goebel prior to the report on the final roll call. The exact date and hour for the meeting of the next General Synod was, on motion, referred to the Executive Com-

mittee.

The General Synod adjourned finally on Wednesday, June 17, 1936, at 4:20 p.m.

Pending a motion to adjourn, the Minutes were read, corrected and adopted, and finally adopted as a whole.

The members of the General Synod then gathered at the chancel for the closing service. They united in confessing their faith through the Apostles' Creed, prayed the Lord's Prayer together and sang the first stanza of "Blest be the tie that binds." The Vice-president then pronounced the Apostolic Benediction and President Richards declared the General Synod adjourned to meet for its 3rd Sessions in the St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, 59 East Mound Street, Columbus, Ohio, in A. D. 1938; the date and hour to be determined by the Executive Committee of the General Synod.

George Warren Richards, President, James Rauch Stein, Stated Clerk, Frederick A. Meusch, Associate Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original Minutes,

James Rauch Stein, Stated Clerk, Frederick A. Meusch, Associate Stated Clerk.

Schaff Bldg., 1505 Race St. Philadelphia, Pa., July 16, 1936.

SERMON PREACHED AT THE OPENING OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

By Dr. Geo. W. Richards, President of the General Synod

Jesus Christ Is Lord

Phil. 2: 11

In Athens alone, we are told, there were thirty thousand gods. No wonder Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "There are gods many and lords many." But for him there was only one Lord through whom are all things and we through Him. Who was Paul's Lord? Listen to his answer: "Jesus is Lord; the Lord is the Spirit." Never were shorter sensers: tences with weightier content written or spoken. They exceed the reach of the most enlightened human reason. They directly contradict what the natural man thinks or hopes or imagines of God. Who would have the audacity to say that Jesus of Nazareth is Lord? Lord of what? Of heaven and earth, of the immeasurable universe of solar systems. Who, without risking his claim to sanity, would say or write that a Galilean carpenter was exalted by God to be both Lord and Christ, to whom every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that He is Lord. One can understand why men might call Alexander or Cæsar Augustus, Socrates or even Buddha, Lord; but who would pay so high a tribute to a peasant who came from a despised village, was never taught letters, had nowhere to lay His head, and was crucified between two thieves?

Paul was not blind to the foolishness of his Gospel. In his first letter to Corinth he says: "There is not in all men that knowledge," and "no man can say that Jesus is Lord but in the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 12: 3). He himself did not find the Lord through science, history, philosophy, or mystic exaltation. He was laid hold on by the Lord Jesus while he was persecuting the Church of God. To those who denied his apostleship he said defiantly: "Have I not seen the Lord?" Was it not the "good pleasure of God to reveal His Son in me"? Did not his Gospel come to him "through revelation of Jesus Christ"?

Paul's life became the sure witness of his vision. He ceased to persecute Christians and began to preach Christ. He became a new man in whom Christ lived and who lived for Christ. "It is no longer I that live but Christ liveth in me." For his Lord he suffered "the loss of all things." While he lived on earth, he belonged to a colony of heaven.

The conviction that Jesus is Lord is no more reasonable now than it was then; in New York or Chicago or Pekin than it was in Jerusalem, Antioch, or Athens. It is just as futile now to try to prove the Lordship of Jesus to an audience of intelligent men and women in Europe or America, Japan or China, as it was in the first century in Syria, Greece, or Rome. For faith in the Lord Jesus must be born in the heart, as it was in Paul, by revelation, by hearing the word and by heeding the call to do "the work of the Lord." While we are on the way with Him, walk with Him, talk with Him, pray with Him, work with Him, His saints—Christ in you, the hope of God will reveal the Lordship of His Son in us also; we will catch glimpses through the overhanging cloud, the surrounding gloom, the joy and sorrow, the hope and despair of life, of the mystery which hath been hid for ages and generations but now hath been manifested to his saints-Christ in you, the hope of glory. We can know who the Lord is only through Jesus; and we can know who Jesus is only through the Spirit. As Jesus He is only one of the Nazarene villagers, but as the Spirit He belongs to the universe, and through His body, the Church, wrestles with the world and will finally subdue it.

Let us at this time consider some of the consequences of faith in the Lord Jesus.

Ι

First, We shall see ourselves in the light of His life, see ourselves as He sees us. Nothing is gained by talking and writing wisely about sin; or even by telling men that they are sinners and are damned forever. Neither God nor man cares about sin in the abstract. There is no such thing; but there are now, and always have been, uncounted millions of men, women, and children on every continent, whose lives are wrecked and ruined by sin.

Everything is gained when we show men the Lord Jesus. For one cannot know the sin of his own soul until he sees himself in the blazing light of the eternal purpose of love in Jesus Christ. Therefore the supreme crisis in one's life is to see Jesus as Lord. No one who has caught a glimpse of Him can be the same as before. He will be better and follow Him, or he will be worse and reject Him; he cannot remain neutral.

Perhaps the most serious charge that can be brought against the Church is not its divisions, its failure to establish a just economic order, to prevent war, or to abolish intoxicating liquors; but that it has failed so to proclaim the eternal message and task, so to witness to Christ and His Kingdom by word and deed, as to convince the world of sin, not merely for having refused to help men, or for having indulged personal appetites and ambitions, but for having rejected God and for putting man's purpose in place of God's purpose as revealed in Christ, and making God serve man instead of making man serve God. The serpent said unto the woman: "Ye shall be as God."

But the glory of the Christian Gospel is that it not only humbles man to the dust, but it raises him to his feet. With courage and joy inspired by the glad tidings, he lays hands to the task and becomes a co-worker with his Saviour and Lord. In other words, he is brought to repentance. And what is repentance? Let it be understood that it is not a so-called emotional spree; not flight from the world to become intoxicated with mystic experiences which are to give assurance of personal salvation. Repentance is to let Jesus become Lord in a man's life so that he will resolutely affirm the divine will in all his works and ways. Taken in this sense, repentance is the beginning of the new life both of the individual and of society. For while God calls a man as an individual He never calls him into solitude but always into social fellowship; yet he cannot enter society as a man of God until he has decided to live, not primarily unto himself or to society only, but unto his Lord Jesus. Then only can he be fully and really true to himself and to society.

II

Second, not only individuals, but nations, religions, and Churches are brought to knowledge of their sin through the lordship of Jesus. It is clear that all lands and all races are passing through an unparalleled crisis in human history. Crisis means judgment, and judgment means separation of the true and the good from the false and the bad, of the godly from the ungodly, of the human from the inhuman, of the merely human from the divine. Religions are decaying; Christian dogmas and institutions are losing their grip on men's minds and hearts; political and social systems are scrapped. In Europe alone four empires have been destroyed and a dozen new nations have been born. Since the War the foundation upon which men built their lives, based their faith and their hope, and which seemed more immovable than the rock-ribbed mountains, are shaking and crumbling. The race seems to be at the point of mental, moral, and spiritual bankruptcy.

This dark cloud has its silver lining. For a crisis always follows in

the wake of a vision of life more just to man and more true to God. Men everywhere are seeing the dawn of new light, new right, new might. They are discontented. Their discontent is born partly from the heights and partly from the abyss,—from God, from the demonic. Whatever its source, men are no longer satisfied with what they are and what they have. They see more clearly than ever the injustice, the falsehood, and the unsatisfactoriness of life in all its phases—they see it not only because an old day is dying but because a new day is dawning. They want something better than they have, though they may not be able to say what they want, or to find a way to satisfy it. We may differ, as day differs from night, with Friedrich Nietzsche and Karl Marx. But we must concede that they have told us one thing which we cannot escape—told us in a new way: that the world is not what it ought to be, that man must surpass himself and become something better than he is if he is to live at peace with himself, his fellows, and the universe.

We understand again, as men in less troublous times could not, what the prophets meant when they said: "The day of the Lord is at hand." Such a day comes and goes at long intervals of time until the end cometh. It is a day of darkness and of light, a day of despair and of hope; a day of loss irreparable and of gain immeasurable, a day of death and a day of life. Only through judgment can redemption draw nigh, God's order be vindicated, and man's noblest aspirations be attained.

Now, as always in times of crisis, many false prophets arise and many messiahs come to lead men astray. They are not so much prophets of lies as champions of half-truths. They are given a hearing because men in distress are eagerly waiting for the consolation of humanity. Religious, political and economic programs are offered to men for deliverance from the burden, suffering, and imperfection of human existence. These expectations of the race and these offers of salvation are not without value, though they do not furnish a remedy for all its ills. Man aspiring, though in part defeated, is better than man victorious and no longer aspiring.

Our man-made messiahs offer salvation by worldly ways. They are what Jesus would have become if He had made bread out of stone, cast himself down from the pinnacle of the temple, and fallen down and worshipped the tempter. They mutilate man and then proclaim a way of life corresponding to the man of their making. Like the pagan religions, they are partly right. They are evidence that man needs and seeks deliverance from the anxiety of life, its uncertainty and its aimlessness, which have increased manifold by the unsolved issues raised by technics and economics. Seeking is the condition of finding.

We are all members of a social order that is termed capitalistic, have been benefitted by its virtues and shared in its sins. Millions of sincere and true men are active in our present economic system and believe that it works for the highest well-being of men and women and is better than any other on earth. We are beginning to see, however, that Capitalism, in principle, unless it is controlled by the Spirit of the Lord in practice, is no more true to God or man than Communism, which is offered as a cure for the ilks of Capitalism. Both are essentially irreligious, secular, and at best only human. The one exalts the individual at the expense of collective action; the other exalts a social group and suppresses individual initiative and rights. The supreme issue of our time is the maintenance of free personal action and of mutual cooperation. Non-Christian Communism is the moral foe of all religion; non-Christian Capitalism subsidizes and subordinates religion to its secular purposes or makes a gentleman's agreement with religion that the one will not interfere with the other.

The Apostle, who saw and heard and handled the Word of Life, says: "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar." This is

the sin that lurks in the heart of non-Christian Capitalism and vitiates the good of it. Again he writes: "Who is the liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ?" This is the canker that gnaws at the vitals of non-Christian Communism and saps the virtue of it. The one denies God and eternity, makes no room for freedom of the individual, and sacrifices him to the welfare of a group; the other denies the community and sacrifices it to the aggrandizement of the individual. The two go together—denial of God and denial of human personality. The one cannot permanently exist without the other. A godless universe and a soulless man will result in a stunted and perverted order of life which is doomed to decay and death, though all the resources of nature be brought under control and put at the service of man. For man lives not by bread alone.

Friedrich Engels, the co-worker of Karl Marx, wrote a generation ago: "Marx discovered the simple fact that human beings must have food, drink, clothing, and shelter first of all before they can interest themselves in politics, science, art, religion, and the like." We are in deep sympathy, all of us, with men and women who are now struggling for life against great odds. We, too, know that man cannot live without bread. But we are followers of One greater than Marx who has taught us that men cannot live by bread alone. He at the same time proclaimed the glad tidings of God to the multitudes and then gave them bread to eat, the only founder of a religion on earth who ever did that. He united God and bread, body and soul, time and eternity. Through the union, not the violent separation, of the two, the life of man must become complete. Neither he who is indifferent to bread nor he who is satisfied with bread can be true to man or to God. The sovereignty of God through Jesus Christ, in other words, the Kingdom of God, includes the whole life of man and requires that the whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We, also believe in and preach a "society without classes and without government by force, in which wealth will be distributed from each according to his ability to each according to his need"—in which persons and not profits will be the supreme motive of action and in which the individual will not be submerged in the group; but we believe also that such an order of life is reached not by military force of an armed proletariat but through the foolishness of the Cross, through the power of sacrificial love and of the hope that is born of the risen and the reigning Christ. In this way ultimately the satisfaction of the fundamental needs of men will be met—the need of bread, of human fellowship, and of God.

II

Third, Paul wrote of Timothy that he "worketh the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 16: 10). What is that work? One shrinks in this activistic period of the Church, this time of God-seekers, self-savers, and Kingdom-builders, to define the work of God as Jesus once defined it in answer to the question: "What must we do that we may work the works of God?" What did Jesus say? "This is the work of God that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent" (John 6: 29).

The tap-root of sin, out of which all sins grow, is to deny that Jesus is Lord. The fontal spring of all true life and work is to believe that Jesus is Lord. Through faith in Him we become fellow workers with God. He works through the vast cosmos; but we are not to share His work in the world of matter. He works also in mind, in living men, his designs of love. It is a far greater task to create and develop a man intelligent and free than to make a solar system. The philosopher Eucken says: "The emergence into new life of the humblest soul is more to me than the birth and discovery of a thousand new worlds."

For this we have been called and commissioned: to join with God in the making of Christ-like men and women, boys and girls. For men are born only with possibilities, not with attainments. They are born as individuals but not as free persons. They will feel the thrill of life only when they hear the voice of God through His Word, when they are filled with the Spirit of freedom, purity, and love, who proceeds from the Father through the Son. Only when a man is brought to a deliberate and free choice of Christ does he become a person free from the world and yet bound by the Lord. Then the struggle of life in its deepest sense begins. To choose God, God's Kingdom, God's task, is to link oneself to eternity, to hitch one's wagon to a star; and at the same time to use every ounce of energy in the conquest of the world and in the advancement of righteousness. Then only will we become men, independent, true and free, not mere "pendants of a natural process controlled by cosmic law," "not mere episodes in the life of an Hegelian God"; but full-grown godlike men, life-giving spirits whose aim, motive, and energy are from above.

Before we can have a Christian home, school, social system, government, we must have men and women who make a free decision for God in all the issues that arise each day in all the relations of life, and in the power of that decision live true to our Lord Jesus. In one sense personal salvation is a mere by-product of social salvation; and in the other sense, social salvation is a necessary result of personal salvation. "What God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

When men will live in absolute devotion to the purpose of God, then will follow, to put it in terms of our time, the defeat of defiant nationalism; of class-conscious and class-struggling internationalism; of Marxian communism; of Naziism and Fascism; of labor and capital in militant competition; of political parties, each trying to outdo the other so as to obtain the spoils of the victor; of sects and divisions in the Church, each doing the Lord's work in its own way without regard to the Lord or the Lord's people.

But even so, life does not become a triumphant march with an omnipotent God at the head. The Christian must make his way over a slow, grim, contracted path, beset with stern barriers and malignant foes. Nature almost brutally ignores spiritual interests and drives "her chariot of destruction over the Christ of God." Wrong triumphs, right is trodden under foot. Even in the soul of the Christian there is a background of dark and turbulent passions which must ever be kept at bay. The battle is fierce and protracted. "Just when we are safest" an untoward spirit may snatch the reins and the bitterness of impure motives may rise to the brim of the cup of sacrifice. Our ideals turn into illusions, and are unrealized, and we may have to die in faith like the patriarchs of old, "not having received the promises but having seen them and greeted them from afar."

There is, however, something greater than deeds or achievements. It is a Christian man or woman vitalized with the divine purpose of our fellowship and our cooperation with God. While we are working with Him and apparently failing as He failed, we are becoming like Him. We pass from the mere acceptance of a standard or a program of life to communion with God who inspires, saves, and sanctifies. Then we shall understand the cry of the Psalmist: "Whom have I in heaven but Thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee." In the strength of this fellowship we win our battles. We master sorrow, not by evading but by transforming it. We find glory in shame, joy in suffering, life in death. To live is Christ, to die is gain. We are pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not unto despair; pursued, yet not forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed; dying, yet ever living.

Fourth, and how may we share in His Lordship and become workers with Him in His Kingdom? He became Lord not by proud self-assertion, by wielding the sword, by erudite scholarship, by the preparation of elaborate programs for the revival of the decadent religion of His fathers. God made Him Lord and Christ. Why? Paul answers in one of his greatest sentences. When He was on an equality with God. He humbled himself, took the form of a servant, was made in the likeness of man, became obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the Cross. Then the great wherefore: "Wherefore also God exalted Him and gave Him the name which is above every name."

If we are to be co-workers with Him, we must have the *mind of Christ*. In Jerusalem there was a stronghold held by the Jebusites which was considered invincible. David mustered 30,000 picked men of Israel and laid siege to the fortress. The Jebusites railed at him and his army, shouting from the walls: "You will never get in here; blind men and cripples could drive you off." But we are told that "David did capture the stronghold of Zion and took up his residence in it."

Something like the Jebusite stronghold is in the center of the life of each one of us. In it we feel that we are safely entrenched when He who is greater than David comes to take possession of us. O yes, we yield without a struggle the outer wall to religious customs and even the inner ramparts to the officers and programs of the Church; but we withdraw our real selves into the impregnable citadel in the innermost recess of the soul. There we rest secure in our lusts, covetousness, pride, self-righteousness. Just there the decisive battle must be fought by the Lord for His Kingdom. His weapons are not carnal but spiritual. He patiently and persistently knocks at the iron gates with His scarred hands until the hinges creak, the doors swing open, and He enters the citadel to reign without a rival there. When we have surrendered, we have conquered—then He is ours and we are His. Then He will be able to do with us what His Father did with Him—exalt us through service and suffering, through the Cross to the throne, to reign with him for ever and ever.

Let me put the test question to each of you and to myself: Have we surrendered unconditionally the inner citadel of the soul? Have we opened the gates and let Him in? If so, and only so, we can work with Him, suffer with Him, reign with Him.

More than once I have been told that the union of Churches means little if it is only a human device for administrative efficiency, for economy of resources, for the satisfaction of the pride of numbers. Men say that our united Church should produce a distinctive theology, lead in social action, prepare a constitution, a book of worship, and a hymnal that would enable its members to work and pray as they never worked and prayed before. All these things have high, but only secondary, value. The primary value, without which all other things profit us nothing, is unconditional personal surrender to the Lord. If we are to be true to Christ, to the faith of our fathers, to the world in which we live, we must lift up the gates, open the door of the heart, and let the King of Glory come in.

The greatest thing that we can do is to do what He did—make disciples of all nations by teaching men to observe whatever things He commanded. Then let us seal our Gospel by losing our lives, by giving both what we are and what we have to Him whose we are and whom we serve, that men, women, and children of every land and time may share in the Lordship of Jesus. Let us daily renew our strength in the assurance, the greatest in the Bible, that all authority in heaven and on earth, hath been given unto Him, and that He is with us always, even unto the end of the world.

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